

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 229**  
**ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025**

**INCOME GENERATED BY LUXURY TRAINS**

\*229 SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functioning luxury trains running in the country;
- (b) the amount of income generated by running these trains in the last three years;
- (c) whether these trains are running at a loss, if so, the manner in which Government plans to overcome these losses; and
- (d) the amount of money required for the upkeep of these trains?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 BY SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.03.2025 REGARDING INCOME GENERATED BY LUXURY TRAINS**

(a) to (d): Railways focus is on running as many trains as possible for low income and middle income families. On an average, IR runs 13,000 passenger, mail, express etc passenger carrying trains daily on its network. IR does not operate any luxury train on its own. Four luxury trains are run by various PSU's and State Government tourism development corporations. These are detailed below:

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Train's Name</b>	<b>Service providers</b>
1.	Palace on Wheels	Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC)
2.	Maharajas' Express	Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)
3.	Deccan Odyssey	Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC)
4.	Golden Chariot	Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC)

The total revenue generated from the above trains during the last 3 years is ₹ 162.10 Cr. Cost of maintenance of these trains is met out of the revenue.

If the West Bengal government wants to run luxury train, it can send proposal through any of its state PSU.

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