

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:65
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PRIVATISATION OF RAILWAY HOTELS
ALE NARENDRA;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Hotels and Yatri Niwas run by the Railways, location-wise;
- (b) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation has decided to conduct a marketing feasibility and privatisation study to execute various projects for the Railways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of Railway Hotels/Yatri Niwas are likely to be included in the list of privatisation; and
- (e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Two railway hotels, one each at Ranchi and Puri and three Rail Yatri Niwases, one each at New Delhi, Howrah and Gorakhpur stations are functioning on Indian Railways.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. In order to professionalise the catering services and expand the scope of rail tourism, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation will take up various projects such as development of budget hotels, tourist packages, catering services on trains & at stations etc.
- (d) & (e) Existing railway hotels and Yatri Niwases are proposed to be managed with private sector participation under the control of the Corporation. It is not possible to give a definite time frame in this regard at present.