

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4156
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REGULARISATION OF TOY TRAIN
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is operating National Heritage Toy Train in Darjeeling to boost the tourism in the region;
- (b) whether the said Toy Train is sometimes non-operational due to shortage of coal;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to regularise the Toy Train;
- (d) whether there is any plan to introduce Toy Train in Shillong to boost the tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The operation of the Joyride train between Darjeeling and Ghoom was affected only once in September 2004 owing to delayed supply of coal from the Eastern Coalfields Limited, Asansol because of torrential rains. Regular monitoring of the coal stock and its supply is done so that train operation is not affected.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.