

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4985  
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HERITAGE TRAINS  
Mohite Shri Subodh

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the heritage trains started during last year by South Eastern Railway and Central Railway to give tourist a glimpse of the national beauty and treasured monument of Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh are still languishing in the loco-shades;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Maharashtra Tourism Development Council has failed to fulfil its commitment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to start the train at the earliest?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): A heritage train was run between Nagpur and Jabalpur as a part of the 150th year celebrations of the Indian Railways. The train was formed with existing old wooden coaches and this train was not a regular tourism exercise.
- (c): The Maharashtra Tourism Development Council had no role to play in the operation of the above train.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The running of such train would be examined as and when demand arises.