

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have developed a tourist train concept which would encourage chartering of special trains for tourist destinations;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways propose to run circular train through south India to boost tourism; and
- (c) if so, the action taken or being taken to run circular train connecting important south India tourist destinations?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Indian Railways runs the "Bharat Darshan" tourist trains, which take the tourists to various important tourist destinations across the country. The purpose of running such trains is to give opportunity to a common Indian citizen to see various places of tourist importance in the country and to popularize tourism in the masses. At present two rakes containing seven coaches with pantry car are being run from south India. The train is covering places like Chennai, Madurai, Warangal, Bangalore, Hyderabad & Vijayawada.