

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1251
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SPECIAL PACKAGE TO HERITAGE TRAIN
Baxla Shri Joachim

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce any special package in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism to increase tourism for the heritage train running between Darjeeling and Siliguri;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total revenue earned by the Government from the heritage train during last year;
- (d) whether the revenue is upto the expectation; and
- (e) if not, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): The special chartered trips organized over the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway for the tourists earned a revenue of about Rs.6 lakhs in 2004, which is considered to be satisfactory.