

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL TICKET RESERVATION BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to grant railway ticket reservation rights to certain selected travel agencies ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of cities where this facility is being provided;
- (c) the criteria for selection of such travel agencies and cities; and
- (d) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)&(b): It has been decided to provide Computerised Passenger Reservation System Terminals as a Pilot Project in Mumbai (Central Railway) and Chennai (Southern Railway) to three travel agents authorized under Rail Travellers' Service Agents (RTSAs) and Rail Tourist Agents (RTAs) schemes.

(c): The criteria for selection will be the performance of the agent, financial capability, type of premises, sales turnover, etc.

(d): This facility is likely to be started before the end of the current calendar year.