

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3822  
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RAIL - TEL SCHEME BETWEEN AHMEDABAD AND VADODARA  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Rail Tel corporation and Container Corporation of India have prepared a scheme to provide multifarious facilities between Ahmedabad – Vadodara;
- (b) if so, the details of the said scheme;
- (c) whether Rail Tel Corporation is likely to contact IRCON International and India Railway Finance corporation to participate after an agreement is signed with the Ministry of Railways;
- (d) if so, the type of participation so sought; and
- (e) the time by which Rail Tel Corporation is likely to implement its scheme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) & (b): No Sir, However, RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL) will create a nationwide broad band Telecom and multimedia network by laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along Railway track and provide modern communication system. The proposed network covers Ahmedabad – Vadodara section also.
- (c) & (d): Yes Sir. Railways' Public Sector Undertakings namely Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), IRCON International Limited (IRCON) and Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) have been directed for equity participation in RCIL to the extent of Rs.100 crore, Rs.25 crore and Rs.25 crore respectively.
- (e): Optical Fibre link on Ahmedabad-Vadodara sector has already been completed. The work on remaining envisaged network of RailTel is in progress and the portion of the network connecting 4 Metros, namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai & Kolkata and 4 Mini-Metros, namely Ahmedabad, Pune, Secunderabad and Bangalore is likely to be completed during 2002-03