

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROLL ON ROLL OFF SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways have offered Roll-on-Roll-off services to some sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have held any discussion with the road transport industry to make Roll-on-Roll-off service acceptable;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the Railway stations which have been identified for Roll-on-Roll-off services, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken to high-light the benefits of the Roll-on-Roll-off service ?

Answer

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

- (a): A few offers have been received for introducing Roll-on-Roll-off (RO - RO) services. Recently, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRC), a PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has started this service.
- (b): Under RO - RO services, loaded trucks are `Rolled on` to flat wagons and moved to their destination, where they are loaded off the wagons. Under the scheme, marketing with truckers etc. is to be done by the promoter. The Railways have to only provide haulage service. As Railways do not have suitable wagon for this service, the promoter will be required to acquire such wagons.
- (c) & (d): Discussions have been held with interested promoters about various aspects of feasibility of the service. Certain technical problems arising out of possible infringements to trucks loaded on flat wagons because of overhead electrical wires etc. need to be studied.
- (e): A proposal for introduction of a pilot service from Sabarmati to Ludhiana area has been approved so far.
- (f) Marketing and publicity of the service has to be undertaken by the promoter.