

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNET SERVICE IN MOVING TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to provide internet services in the moving trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of trains selected for the purpose;
- (c) whether the said service is to be provided in all the coaches of the trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the provision of said service is likely to benefit the railway travellers?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a PublicSector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry ofRailways, is planning to provide Internet service on one of the trains, as a pilot project, during 2003-04. Initial technical trials for provision of such services in a running train have already been conducted on `Tughlakabad-Faridabad` section. The train and route on whichthe pilot project is to be implemented is under finalisation.

(c)&(d): The facility will initially be provided in one coach of the selected train.

(e): It will be possible for Railway passengers travelling on the trains, where such facility will be provided, to access Internet and send/receive e-mails, besides making international calls using VOIP (Voice over IP) Technology.