

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD-RAIL SYNERGY SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Konkan Railways has introduced a unique road-rail synergy system to increase freight earnings;
- (b) whether Konkan Railways has introduced a system where loaded trucks will be transported on wagons to their destinations in different parts of the country ;
- (c) if so, the details of this system;
- (d) the advantages of this system; and
- (e) the zonal railways which are using this system ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, sir.

(c) Under the Ro-Ro(Roll-on-Roll-off) service, introduced in January 1999, Konkan Railway carries loaded road trucks on rail wagons between Kolad (near Mumbai) and Verna (Goa).

(d) This service on Konkan Railway, envisages to combine Railway's strength in long-haul with the flexibility of door-to-door road transport services in such terrains where the concept is mutually beneficial to the Railways, road transporters and the customers, besides capturing additional traffic on underutilized sections.

(e) Konkan Railway Corporation Limited.