

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXAMINATIONS THROUGH ON- LINE IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are conducting examinations through on-line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of examinations conducted through on-line during the last two years; and
- (d) the benefits achieved by Railways in conducting examinations through on-line?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) On-Line/Computer based examination in railway recruitment has been recently introduced, on experimental basis.
- (c) Two such examinations have, so far, been conducted.
- (d)
 - (i) Question paper/answer booklet printing, transportation and storage, post-examination evaluation etc. becomes redundant.
 - (ii) Question paper is set by computer software by random selection of questions from the Computerised Question Data Bank, on the date of the examination and is released only at the time of examination. The new system is efficient, fast & foolproof and ensures high degree of security of the question paper.
 - (iii) Once the examination is completed and the data stored, there is no room for manual interference.
 - (iv) The result can be declared immediately after the examination.