

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTRODUCTION OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR RAILWAY OFFICIALS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are planning to introduce laptop computers for the use of its officials;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total cost involved therein; and
- (d) the extent to which the performance of the officials is likely to improve with the introduction of laptops?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) There are 4347 officers in Indian Railways eligible for provision of Laptops.
- (c) A ceiling limit of Rs.55,000/- per laptop has been fixed. The total cost will depend on the number of requests received for provision of laptop from eligible officers, who have an option to choose between a desktop and laptop computer.
- (d) The performance and efficiency of officers is expected to improve as data and information would be readily available to officers at any place and time.