

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF GARIB RATH TRAINS .

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have started operation of ?Garib Rath? trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the routes on which these have been started;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any study to assess the response of passengers on these routes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways have received demands from various quarters for introduction of these trains on other routes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In the Rail Budget 2006-07, it has been proposed to run fully air-conditioned Garib Rath trains between Saharsa-Amritsar, Delhi-Patna, Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Chennai. Out of these, 2203/2204 Saharsa- Amritsar Garib Rath via Hajipur-Chappra- Gorakhpur- Sitapur Cantt.- Moradabad- Saharanpur- Ambala Cantt.-Jalandhar City has been introduced w.e.f. 04-10-2006.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Requests for introduction of trains including Garib Rath trains are received continuously from various fora at various levels viz. Board level, Headquarter level, Division level and Station level. This voluminous data is not compiled. However, action as feasible and justified is taken on these demands.