

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RUNNING OF LOCOMOTIVE ON CNG FUEL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to run locomotives on CNG fuel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost savings on the introduction of locomotives on CNG fuel; and
- (c) the time by which the CNG locomotives are likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. However, trials are being conducted to run one Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) on Northern Railway.

(b) to (c): Operating cost of Compressed Natural Gas based Diesel Multiple Unit is expected to be 25% less in financial terms, than diesel based Diesel Multiple Units. Its further proliferation depends on success of trials.