

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3618
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GLOBAL SERVICE MOBILE FACILITY IN THE RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Global Service Mobile (GSM) facility has been introduced in Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether trials have been completed; and
- (d) if so, the details of fund allocated for this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Global System for Mobile communications-Railway (GSM-R) based Mobile Train Radio Communication system has been sanctioned on 3200 Route Kilometers (RKMs) of Indian Railways.
- (c): The work has been commissioned on 265 RKMs of Eastern Railway, 150 RKMs of Northeast Frontier Railway, 315 RKMs of North Central Railway. Balance work is under various stages of execution.
- (d): This work has been sanctioned at an approximate cost of Rs. 284 crores. So far Rs. 179 crores fund has been utilized for this project. Rs. 61 crores has been proposed for the year 2008-09.