

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:408  
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2009  
INNOVATION PROMOTION GROUP  
Jindal Shri Naveen

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have set up an Innovation Promotion Group (IPG) to improve the rail system;
- (b) if so, the composition of the IPG and its objectives;
- (c) the details of interactions so far made by the IPG with different national and international bodies to promote innovations in Indian Railways;
- (d) whether the IPG has since come out with any concrete suggestions so far in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 BY SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.12.2009 REGARDING INNOVATION PROMOTION GROUP

(a) to (e) : Yes, Madam. An Innovation Promotion Group (IPG), consisting of multi-disciplinary team of eight senior officers of Ministry of Railways, was set up on 11.07.2008 with the objective of interacting with national and international Railway organizations, Industries, Universities, etc. to promote innovations for increasing efficiency, passenger satisfaction and productivity of Railways. IPG has interacted with such institutions and has given certain suggestions which are being examined for feasibility and implementation.