

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3303  
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010  
TRANSPONDERS TAKEN ON RENT  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) number of transponders that the Railways have taken on rent from Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) or other organizations;
- (b) the rent paid during each of last three years, for hiring these transponders;
- (c) whether the Railways are also hiring transponders from foreign satellites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Railways have hired a Quarter transponders (9 MHz) from Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

(b): The rent paid during last three years including service tax is as under:

Year Rent

Year 2007-08 Rs. 1,45,61,856/-

Year 2008-09 Rs.1,42,94,880/-

Year 2009-10 Rs.1,41,12,020/-

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.