

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MOBILE RESERVATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of mobile railway reservation centers in the country, state-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways are considering to provide railway ticket reservation facility in rural areas of the country through mobile reservation centres;
- (c) if so the amount spent by Railways for the implementation of mobile reservation centres scheme zone-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the revenue earned by the Railways through this scheme from the date of launching mobile reservation centres till date?

Answer

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

- (a): Two mobile vans have been introduced from January 2010 – One each in Delhi and Kolkata on pilot project basis.
- (b): It is proposed to introduce mobile ticketing vans for issuing reserved and unreserved tickets in both urban and rural areas.
- (c): The scheme has been commenced with two pilot projects – one in Kolkata and one in New Delhi. These being pilot projects, railways have used departmental vehicles and hired vehicles to serve the locations within the cities for checking telecom connectivity. Actual costs have not yet been worked out. These costs would include cost of hiring of vehicles, the cost of providing connectivity through V-SAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) equipment in mobile vans deployed in rural areas where connectivity through GSM/GPRS (Global System for Mobile Communications/ General Packet Radio Service) service provider may not work. This will also include the recurring cost of deployment of staff, payment of allowances, cost of generator, UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) etc. It would become possible to accurately determine these costs only after the scheme becomes fully operational.
- (d): Revenue earned upto 15.4.2010 from launch of two pilot projects are as below:

Kolkata – Rs.24,95,409/- New Delhi – Rs.13,62,658/-