

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAIN

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for introduction of new trains pending as on date;
- (b) whether various States have made certain proposals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the criteria norms for introduction of new trains; and
- (e) the grounds for non-acceptance of the proposals received from the State?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Representations for introduction of new trains are received from various quarters including the State Governments, Ministers, MPs, MLAs, general public etc., at various levels of railway administration viz. railway station, division, zonal headquarters and the Ministry of Railways. The requests are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken. However, no consolidated compendium of statistics of these representations received at all levels is maintained.

(d): Introduction of new passenger carrying trains is a continuous process on the Indian Railways. The decision to introduce trains is generally taken on an annual basis, year after year, depending upon the following factors:

- (a) Patronization/demand for travel on any particular sector.
- (b) Availability of resources rolling stock including locomotives and coaches.
- (c) Availability of terminal infrastructure such as pit lines, stabling lines and platform lines.
- (d) Availability of manpower for maintenance and safe operation of trains.
- (e) Availability of spare line capacity so that the path and schedule for the train can be fixed.

(e): Requests received from various quarters are examined and action taken thereupon keeping in view competing demands, infrastructural availability, operational feasibility and other constraints.