

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION PROMOTION GROUP
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set up an Innovation Promotion Group (IPG);
- (b) if so, the details of composition of IPG and its objectives;
- (c) whether the Group has suggested any innovations since its inception in the working of the Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Group has ever invited suggestions from the public; and
- (f) if so, the nature of suggestions received and details of their implementation?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): 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 organisations, Industries, Universities, citizens etc. to promote innovations for increasing efficiency, passenger satisfaction and productivity of Railways.

(c) to (f): IPG has received a number of suggestions, including from the public. The responses received from the public are mostly general complaints and personal / local demands. Other suggestions relate to passenger amenities, safety, information technology etc. While some of these suggestions were already implemented on Indian Railways in a limited manner, other suggestions relating to various facets of railway working are regularly examined for feasibility and is a continuous process.