

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF RAIL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for introducing new railway service pending with the Railways;
- (b) whether the Government of Karnataka has also submitted some proposals in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the proposal has not been approved so far;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the criteria being followed by the Railways for introducing new railway service in the State?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): 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. Requests received from various quarters including from Government of Karnataka have been examined and action taken thereupon keeping in view competing demands, infrastructural availability, operational feasibility, etc.

(f): 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.