

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3848
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2011
RAIL ENGINES
Kishor Shri Kamal

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains being run on diesel engine and electric engines, separately;
- (b) whether running the trains with diesel engines is more expensive than electric engines;
- (c) if so, whether the Railways propose to equip all the remaining trains with electric engine;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this process is likely to be completed;and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3848 BY SHRI KAMAL KISHOR "COMMANDO" TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.08.2011 REGARDING RAIL ENGINES.

(a): Trains on diesel or electric traction are run as per operational necessity and no data on the subject is maintained. However, the Diesel train kilometres is 44.7% and Electric train kilometres is 55.3% on Indian Railways.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Introduction of electric traction requires electrification of tracks. Indian Railways is gradually electrifying its routes depending upon operational requirements and financial viability of electrification proposals and a target of electrifying 14000 route kilometres during the period 2010 – 2020 has been laid down in the Vision 2020 document. All out efforts are being made to meet the target which depends upon the availability of funds and resources.

(d): No specific time frame can be given for completion of electrification of entire Indian Railways as electrification of rail tracks depends upon operational requirements and financial viability of electrification proposals.

(e): Does not arise.