

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INFORMATION RELATED TO RESERVATION POSITION  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a suggestion has been received in the Railways for providing Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) in trains with electronic ticket checking machines connected to central servers which would enable access to real time information about vacant seats/ berths;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Electronic devices in the form of Hand Held Terminals (HHT) have been provided to the Ticket Checking Staff in 12 pairs of trains as a pilot project. These devices are used for marking passengers as turned up/ not-turned up, giving information on vacant berths availability to passengers at stations and on the website, facilitating greater transparency in the on- board allocation of berths and system accountal of ticket checking transactions.