

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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STEAM ENGINE TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are contemplating to reintroduce steam engines on some selected hill routes to revive the old world charm;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the unavailability of spare parts of century-old steam engines is a main hurdle in this direction; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedy envisaged to overcome this hurdle?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Railways are already running steam engine hauled trains on select tourist based mountain Railways. However, presently, there is no proposal under consideration for further re-introduction of steam engines on other routes.

(c)&(d) : All out efforts are made to maintain the hill route steam locomotives in good fettle.