

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214  
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PRINTED CARD TICKET SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the old Printed Card Ticket (PCT) system still exists in various Railways Stations inspite of adoption of the high technology by Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the failure of Self Printing Ticket Machines (SPTM) used for unreserved tickets;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to restart the use of these machines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The system of Printed Card Tickets exists over those locations where the facility of computerized Unreserved Ticketing System is yet to be commissioned and also for emergency purpose during any failure of computerized Unreserved Ticketing System.
- (c): Self Printing Ticket Machines (SPTMs) were stand alone machines and, therefore, did not provide the facility of automated accounting and reporting. With the improvement in technology, Railways have moved towards the Unreserved Ticketing System which is a superior system.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Does not arise.