

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION PROMOTION GROUP
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set up an inter-departmental Innovation Promotion Group (IPG);
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of the responsibilities assigned to the said IPG;
- (d) the progress made so far by the said IPG since its constitution, year-wise; and
- (e) the details of action taken by the Railways on the recommendations of the said IPG since its constitution, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): An Innovation Promotion Group (IPG), consisting of multi-disciplinary team of eight senior officers of Ministry of Railways, was set up with the objective of interacting with national and international Railway organisations, Industries, Universities, citizens etc. to promote innovations for increasing efficiency, passenger satisfaction and productivity of Railways.

(d) & (e): IPG has received a number of suggestions, including from the public. The suggestions received by IPG are mostly general complaints and personal / local demands. While some suggestions received by IPG on the issues of passenger amenities, safety, information technology etc. were already implemented on Indian Railways in a limited manner, other suggestions relating to various facets of railway working are regularly examined for feasibility and is a continuous process.