GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have introduced WIFI services in several trains recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to provide such facilities in other trains as well in the near future;
- (d) if so, the detailed plan chalked out in this regard;
- (e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the Railways annually in this regard;
- (f) whether the passengers are likely to pay extra for this facility; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Wi-Fi Services have been introduced in three rakes of New Delhi-Kolkata Rajdhani Express (12301/12302) as a pilot project.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): Work for extending Wi-Fi facility in 50 more rakes of Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duranto Express has been proposed in Rail Budget 2013-14.
- (e) At present, annual expenditure for provision of Wi-Fi facility in 3 rakes is ? 1.23 crores. Further, on introduction of Wi-Fi facility in additional 50 rakes, the annual expenditure is expected to be approximately ? 20 crores.
- (f)&(g) As of now, this facility has been provided on pilot basis and is free for passengers.