

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INNOVATION PROMOTION GROUP
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present functional status of Innovation Promotion Group (IPG) along with the objectives thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the said objectives are being achieved;
- (c) the details of interactions made by the IPG with various national and international organisations during the year 2012 and 2013 till date; and
- (d) the recommendations made by IPG so far along with the action taken thereon by the Railways?

Answer

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

(a): An Innovation Promotion Group (IPG), consisting of a multi-disciplinary team of eight senior officers of Ministry of Railways, is functional 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.

(b) to (d): IPG has been receiving suggestions from various quarters, including from the public and railwaymen. In addition, during the years 2012 and 2013(till date), interactions with some organizations on various areas, including Quality Standards, Energy Conservation, maintenance of Rolling stock etc. have been initiated. 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.