

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAIN SETS ELECTRIC MULTIPLE UNITS IN INTERCITY ROUTES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to use train-sets or electric multiple units in intercity routes similar to those used in Delhi Metro;
- (b) if so, the details and the objective thereof;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to cut travel time and make journey comfortable in intercity routes?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): This issue was examined by a committee set up by the Board. The committee has suggested a trial to be conducted on a limited basis before arriving at any conclusion. The recommendations are awaiting a final decision of the Board.

(d): Introduction of fully air conditioned Express/Superfast trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Double decker, replacement of conventional passenger trains with Mainline Electric Unit (MEMU) and Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) trains, better time tabling, by running trains on maximum permissible speed and fewer stoppages etc are the steps being taken to reduce travel time. Providing faster and comfortable travel to the passengers is an on-going process on Indian Railways.