

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAPID RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has made a proposal to set up a joint special purpose vehicle with the Indian Railways with regard to the proposed Rapid Rail Transit System from Thiruvananthapuram to Chengannur stretch;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost;
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Government of Kerala has proposed to set up a special purpose vehicle for execution of Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) to enhance the capacity of the existing double line section between Thiruvananthapuram and Chengannur to run suburban trains in this section. The feasibility report submitted by Government of Kerala suggests State Government to fund the entire project costing about 3300 crore. As the report suggests various options for project implementation, operation and maintenance, fare structure etc., State Government has been advised to examine and to decide suitable option.