

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 550  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**TRAIN 18**

**550. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways will roll out its latest technological innovation i.e. Train18 which will not only beat the comforts and speed of the premium Shatabdi Express but will also be engine less;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the biggest advantage of Train 18 is that it will have engine on both the ends like Metro; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The train has been successfully tested upto 180 kmph and declared fit for maximum operating speed of 160 kmph on suitable track. The first rake of Train set-18 having sixteen coaches has already been rolled out from ICF and will be put into passenger service shortly.**

**(c) & (d): The Train set 18 does not have engines at both ends. The propulsion system is distributed all along the train and is fitted in the underframe of the coach. Train set-18 has driving cab at both ends of the train like Metro.**

**Availability of cab at both ends facilitates train operation in both directions with minimum loss of time. It also eliminates requirement of shunting of the engines etc. at originating / terminating and change of direction stations.**

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