

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2865
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2001
DISSOLUTION OF SAM PITRODA COMMITTEE
ARUN KUMAR;MANJAY LAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have dissolved the Sam Pitroda Committee, which was formed to suggest ways to modernise the railway system.
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the expenditure incurred over the said committee so far;
- (d) whether the Government had taken proper approval for the formation of the said committee before setting up;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) & (b) The advisory Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Sam Pitroda in February, 2001, for a period of six months to initiate a comprehensive process of modernisation of Railway system and for launching a new initiative for resource mobilisation, was dissolved with effect from 9-6-2001 due to non-participation of Chairman and a Member in the deliberation of the Committee.
- (c) A total expenditure of Rs. 1,69,325.89 has been incurred on this Committee.
- (d) & (e) Approval of the Minister of Railways, who is the competent authority in this case, was obtained for constituting the Committee.
- (f) Does not arise.