

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2547  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2003  
E-TENDERING  
C.P. RADHAKRISHNAN

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to implement e-Tendering of Railways works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any committee set up by Railway Board in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Board has given permission to East Central Railway for processing 5 tenders through e-tendering system on experimental basis. This is to ensure fair and transparent tendering process using modern technology.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. A committee of Northern Railway officers was set up to look into various aspects of e-tendering system for exploring the possibility of its application both for works and store supply tenders. Based on the recommendations, Ministry of Railways has asked Northern Railway to implement the system on larger scale for its proper evaluation.