

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION THROUGH INTERNET
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to provide railway reservation facility through internet by issuing smart cards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of the railway stations where the said facility is proposed to be provided initially; and
- (d) the time by which the said facility is likely to be made available?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work has been sanctioned for providing internet based reservation enquiries and booking. Phase- I of this work for providing reservation enquiries through internet is already operational. The next phase for providing booking is also in progress. Modalities for collection of cash, disbursement of tickets, security of the systems etc. are under examination in the light of recently enacted cyber laws. Smart Card will be one of the various options.

(c) & (d) The said facility will be initially tested as a pilot project and the time frame will depend upon the success of the pilot project.