

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any plan has been chalked out for modernisation of Railways;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the plan and time by which the plan is likely to be implemented;
- (c) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken to implement the modernisation plan?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Integrated Railway Modernization Plan envisages improved overall performance, technological upgradation and efficiency to provide better, competitive and cost effective transport system. It entails 150 Kmph passenger trains on selected corridors, 100 Kmph freight trains on identified high-density routes, enhanced throughput by higher axle load operations, introduction of modern rolling stock, double stack container movement on identified routes and development of Roll-On-Roll-Off door-to-door services. Emphasis is also given to introduction of environment friendly toilets in passenger coaches, modernization of track, bridge, signaling, mechanical and electrical systems.

It is a 5-year Plan starting from 2005-06 to 2009-10.

(c): Since the Modernisation Plan is to be implemented from 2005-06 onwards, the question of allocation of funds for the last three years does not arise.

(d): The Integrated Railway Modernization Plan has been formulated identifying activities with definite time frame for implementation. Year-wise target along with allocation of funds have been made for each year in the Modernisation Plan.