

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RUNNING OF TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have conducted any experiment in collaboration with IIT for running several trains on the same track as reported in the Navbharat Times dated November 25, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether experiment conducted on the said tracks has proved to be successful;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to introduce such system; and
- (f) if so, the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However a project on `Satellite Imaging For Rail Navigation` (SIMRAN) was taken up by Research Design & Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)/Kanpur. The project aimed at designing a Global Positioning System (GPS) based train running information system. The scope of the project did not include running several trains on the same track.

(c) & (d): IIT/Kanpur conducted initial survey for mapping the track Latitude & Longitude of section Kanpur-Allahabad & Kanpur-Lucknow.

(e) & (f): It has since been decided to drop the project.