

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ISSUE OF PRE PAID SMART CARDS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to appoint commission agents in rural areas for the sale of tickets to remove the problems of passengers for purchase of tickets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether pre-paid smart cards are also proposed to be issued for the urban passengers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to be accrued to the Government and the general public therefrom; and
- (e) the stations at which the said scheme is proposed to be launched in the first phase and the time by which it is likely to be launched?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Presently there is no such sanctioned scheme of appointing commission agents in rural areas.
- (c) & (d): 'Smart Card System' for issue of suburban journey tickets was introduced at five suburban locations on Central Railway i.e. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Dadar, Ghatkopar, Thane & Kalyan during the year 2002-03.
- (e): In view of poor response to the scheme at present there is no proposal to expand it further. Moreover, there is no other sanctioned scheme of pre-paid smart card for urban passengers.