

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNET FACILITY IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether internet facility is available in trains;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof;
- (c) the name of trains in which internet facility is currently provided;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to extend this facility in all Mail/Express trains; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise

(d) & (e): RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Ministry of Railways has planned to provide internet facilities on running trains as a Pilot Project. The initial trials were carried out on pilot section from Delhi to Mathura in close coordination with M/s Shoshacom of Canada. The trials were carried out successfully. However, further implementation of the system has not progressed so far due to lack of interest on the part of the chosen technology partner. RailTel is exploring possibilities of cheaper alternative solutions including use of General Packet Radio Services (GPRS) network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) for providing the facility.