

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF MAIL EXPRESS TRAINS INTO SUPERFAST CATEGORY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways propose to upgrade some mail/express trains into superfast mail/express category;
- (b) If so, the extra facilities to be provided to the passengers travelling in such trains;
- (c) whether the Railways have sufficient number of high power locomotives at present to run these superfast trains; and
- (d) If so, the facts thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The journey time by superfast trains is comparatively less as their average speed on entire run is minimum 55 kilometre per hour(kmph) on Broad Gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge.

(c) & (d): Presently Indian Railways have deployed different types of suitable diesel and electric locomotives, which are sufficient to haul superfast trains. The present holding of these passenger locomotives is as under:-

Diesel Locomotives Electrical Locomotives

4000 Horse Power (HP) 28 5000 HP 380
3100 HP 570 6000 HP 48