

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWAY TIME TABLE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have issued new railway time table from 1st July, 2006 for only about 5 months instead of one year as per earlier practice for Rs. 30 per copy;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the people have to purchase Railway Time Table twice in a year to know the time-table; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Railways to revert the earlier practice of issuing time table for the year to protect the interest of poor persons?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the announcement in the Railway Budget 2006-2007, Indian Railways had initiated action to review the All India Time Table de-novo. Consequently, in the first phase, the timings of a large number of trains have been made convenient and 140 trains have also been made superfast. These changes have been reflected in the July-November, 2006 edition of time table. Since the Second phase of the exercise for further reviewing the Time Table was going on, (which has since been completed) time table valid for one full year would have been rendered useless due to large scale changes taking place in the second phase of the exercise. Hence, in order to disseminate information to public at large, the need for printing time tables twice was felt. Accordingly, second time table incorporating all changes, is to be released in December, 2006. It is only for this year that time tables are being printed twice.