

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATION AT MEHSANA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rules and criteria for developing a railway station as a model railway station;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to develop railway station at Mehsana district of Gujarat as a model railway station;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): While presenting the Railway Budget 1999-2000, the then Minister of Railways declared that all efforts will be made to make at least one station in each division as model station where higher level of passenger amenities will be provided. Consequent upon the announcement so made, 61 stations were initially selected as model station. Later on, more model stations were added from time to time. Now as per the announcement made during the presentation of Railway Budget 2006-07, all 'A' and 'B' category stations have been selected as model stations.

(b) & (c): Mahesana railway station was recently identified as model station for the purpose of providing upgraded passenger amenities and instructions in this regard were issued on 29.05.2006.

(d): Does not arise.