

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1473
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
INTERNET FACILITY IN TRAINS AND AT STATIONS
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to provide internet facility in trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith progress made and present position in regard to provision of internet facility in trains;
- (c) whether private sector participation in this regard is also being roped;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether railway stations where internet facility/cyber cafes were to be set up during 2006-07 has become operational; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): RailTel Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of Ministry of Railways in collaboration with a private company M/s Soshacom of Canada had carried out initial technical trials on a pilot section, Delhi – Mathura, to provide internet facility in trains. However, further implementation of the system could not be progressed so far due to commercial viability and operational issues.

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. Cyber cafes at 16 stations have become operational so far, out of 24 Cyber Cafes planned during 2006-07. Work at other stations is in various stages of completion. Name of stations where cyber cafes have become operational is given in the statement Annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1473 BY SHRI SHISHUPAL N. PATLE, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.03.2007 REGARDING INTERNET FACILITY IN TRAINS AND AT STATIONS

LIST OF 16 STATIONS

S.No. Name of the Stations

1. Howrah
2. Sealdah
3. Asansol
4. Jodhpur
5. Jhansi
6. Jaipur
7. Gorakhpur
8. Chandigarh
9. Hyderabad
10. Bangalore
11. Coimbatore
12. Ernakulam
13. Guntur
14. Ahmedabad
15. Pune
16. Nagpur