

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RUNNING OF TRAINS ON CNG AND DIESEL MIXTURE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for running trains on CNG and Diesel mixture is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such engines are being manufactured in the country;
- (d) if so, whether CNG trial of such engines has been conducted;
- (e) if so, whether such engines are proposed to be used in long distance trains;
- (f) if so, the distance for which said engines are proposed to be used under first phase; and
- (g) the time by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

- (a): A feasibility trial is contemplated.
- (b): One Diesel Multiple Unit is undergoing modifications. However, not all problems have been overcome so far.
- (c): Since the nature of conversion is by way of a `retrofit` the engines are expected to retain their indigenous content.
- (d): The stage has not been reached so far.
- (e) to (g): It is premature to take a view on these aspects. Should initial trial be successful, ways and means to consolidate energy security, environment friendliness and economies of operation, will be explored on Railways.