

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STATE-OF-THE-ART COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to develop a State-of-the-Art communication system in the railways as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated January 16, 2005;
- (b) if so, the funds sanctioned by the Government for the scheme;
- (c) the names of the States in which the system is proposed to be introduced in the first phase; and
- (d) the extent upto which the accidents on the tracks is likely to decline with the introduction of this system?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. Works for provision of Mobile Train Radio Communication (MTRC) system have been approved on 2415 Route Kilometres on selected routes of Northern, Eastern, East Central, North Central & Northeast Frontier Railways covering States of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Assam, at an estimated cost of Rs. 194.63 crore.

(d): This system will prove to be an useful telecommunication and safety aid between various operational and maintenance staff which will help in reducing accidents.