

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AIR CONDITIONED SUBURBAN RAIL SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce Air-conditioned (AC) trains on suburban routes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether there is also a proposal to introduce Maharaja Express;
- (e) if so, the details of facilities are likely to be provided on it; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The outcome of the feasibility study being conducted by the Railways is awaited and no target for introduction of the above services has been fixed.

(d) to (f): The Indian Railways in association with Indian Railways Catering & Tourism Corporations Ltd. have planned to introduce a Luxury Tourist Train named 'Maharajas Express' with a pre-defined Pan India itinerary offering package tours, during early 2010.