GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2987 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017

INTERNET IN TRAINS

2987. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to provide internet facility in running trains; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of trains selected for this facility?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): As a pilot project, Railways have provided Wi-Fi based internet facility in Howrah-New Delhi - Howrah Rajdhani Express using Satellite communication technology. This technology is capital intensive with recurring costs in the form of bandwidth charges.

Railways are now exploring various cost effective technologies to provide Wi-Fi in moving trains. Once such a technology is available, decision to extend Wi-Fi based internet facility in trains will be taken.
