

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

SYSTEMATIC PAPER DOCUMENTATIONS

1724. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which the Government intends to address potential risks like fraud and inefficiencies if the printing of these documents is outsourced, considering the reliance of railway operations on systematic paper documentation such as Money Value Forms;

(b) the reasons for proposed closure of rail presses in light of the fact that five Rotateck machines in rail presses, purchased in 2014 from Barcelona, Spain, have proven cost-effective and efficient for printing UTS and PRS tickets under the supervision of trained railway staff; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to ensure the security and cost-efficiency of railway operations if reliance on outsourced printing presses increases, potentially leading to increased financial burden and reduced oversight compared to the current in-house system?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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(a) to (c): Due to digitization and diminishing requirement of printing, Ministry of Railways have decided to close the printing presses. Broad guidelines have been issued in this regard which include printing of tickets and money value items from Indian Banks' Association/Reserve Bank of India approved security printers.
