

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVING SIGNALLING AND TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Railways has been receiving foreign assistance for signalling and telecommunication and other services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total assistance received by Indian Railways from foreign countries for improving the Indian system of Railways; and
- (d) the number of proposals put forward by the Indian Railways for foreign assistance for improving Indian Railways under the loan agreement scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following external assistance is currently being availed for Railway projects:

(i) Loan of DM 185 million from Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Germany to finance the project of Modernisation of Signalling between Ghaziabad and Kanpur.

(ii) Loan from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) of US Dollar 805 million and a credit from International Development Association (IDA) of US Dollar 60 million to finance the rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP).

(c) Railways have availed 20 loans/ credits amounting to about US Dollar 2.27 billion from World Bank and Asian Development Bank, eight loans amounting to US Dollar 140.84 million from USA and OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and 23 loans/ credits/ grants from Canada, Germany, Japan, UK, Saudi Arabia,

(d) A Railway Sector Loan of US Dollars 313.6 million has been approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB). This loan will be used to finance some of the National Rail Vikas Yojana projects. It is also planned to pose some National Rail Vikas Yojana projects and some Safety Works to the World Bank.