

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3802

ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003

STRENGTHENING OF RAIL NETWORK

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have now decided to explore possibilities of forging partnerships with State Governments and private companies to strengthen further their existing rail network;

(b) the details of the modalities worked out in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the Railways would be benefited by this partnership?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3802 BY SHRIMATI SHYAMA SINGH, SHRI KAMAL NATH, SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI, SHRI RAM MOHAN GADDE AND M.V.V.S. MURTHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.08.2003 REGARDING STRENGTHENING OF RAIL NETWORK

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways is exploring possibilities of forging partnerships with State Governments, multilateral agencies and lending institutions in funding of rail infrastructure projects. It is primarily through cost sharing, participation in equity in case of implementation through creation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), Build-Own- Transfer (BOT) models and in some cases privately owned infrastructure viz. port railways, freight terminals. Share of State Governments in some of the on-going projects is one-third to two-third of the total project costs providing additional resources for completion of the projects.