

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3645

ANSWERED ON:16.08.2001

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE ON SHARING BASIS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway is seeking free land from States for the new projects;
- (b) whether the railways is also seeking financial participation by States for carrying out most of the projects;
- (c) if so, the response of the State Government thereto;
- (d) whether inspite of the financial crunches in various State Governments, the Union Government has approved of the move taken by the railways; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3645 BY PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM, S/SHR VIVEKANANDA REDDY, G.MALLIKARJUNAPPA, T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI AND G.S.BASAVARAJ, TO BE ANSWERED II SABHA ON 16.08.2001 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE ON SHARING BASIS.

(a): For some of the projects pertaining to new line and gauge conversion projects, references have been made to State Governments for providing land free of cost.

(b): Financial participation has been sought from State Governments in their respective states.

(c): No response has been received from the State Governments regarding providing land free of cost. As regards financial participation Government of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal have already agreed to share the cost of some of the Railway projects or have reached agreement with the Railways for financial participation in identified rail projects. Government of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana have also shown interest.

(d) & (e): Railways are also facing financial crisis and since the development of rail infrastructure is for the benefit of the people of the area, the participation of State Governments have been sought by Ministry of Railways for expeditious completion of certain identified projects which are vital for development of infrastructure.