

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase private sector participation in Railways;
- (b) if so, the areas in which private sector is allowed to work; and
- (c) the new areas identified for private sector participation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL )

(a) to (c): Some identified non-core activities are already being executed by agencies other than Railways. Recently, activities like catering, tourism and telecommunication development with optic fibre cables have been corporatised through IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation) & RAILTEL (Railtel Corporation of India Limited). Ministry of Railways is exploring possibilities of forging public-private partnerships in funding of rail infrastructure projects.