

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3321  
ANSWERED ON:05.02.2004  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND TURKEY  
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Turkey have signed some agreements in railway development;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreements signed; and
- (c) the extent to which India has been able to help to develop railways in Turkey?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3321 BY SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2004 REGARDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND TURKEY

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Railways of the Republic of India and Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey had been signed in April 1995.

It was agreed that both the Railways could explore further means of extending their cooperation in the future.

In September 2000, a joint statement on cooperation between the Ministry of Railways of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Turkey was signed re-affirming the friendship and understanding existing between the two countries.

It was agreed to establish a `Working Group on Contracting` within the framework of the Turkish-Indian Joint committee for Economic and Technical Cooperation to examine in detail the possibilities and mutual benefits in further extending cooperation to cover the full spectrum of infrastructure projects in Turkey and India.

The two sides also agreed to examine the possibility of cooperation in areas of supply/manufacture of electric/diesel locomotives and their components and training of staff and the development of skilled manpower.

(c): IRCON International Ltd., a public sector unit under the Ministry of Railways has executed the following railway works in the past in Turkey:

(i) Turnkey railway electrification project of Turkish State Railways (TCDD) for electrification of Sincan- Eskisehir (261 kilometres) costing US Dollar 26.4 million, during January 1989 - December 1992.

(ii) Electrification project of TCDD for electrification of Sincan-Ankara Section (75 kilometres) costing approx. US Dollar 9.2 million, during 1993-95.