

**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 Railways have prepared any plan to increase private sector partnership as per the directions of Infrastructural Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the further steps taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (d) whether there would be any adverse affect on the revenue earnings of the Railways; and
- (e) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister had discussed certain issues pertaining to Railway sector in its fourth meeting. In the meeting, no direction has been given for preparation of any plan to increase private sector participation. However, a decision was taken for preparation in consultation with Planning Commission a scheme for allowing operators other than CONCOR (a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways) in the movement of containers. This decision can enhance private sector participation. Ministry of Railways have granted a study to M/s. RITES Ltd. in this regard.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.