

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4997
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2007
RITES PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
Khair Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether RITES has taken some projects in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details for the last three years;
- (c) the number of projects going on in foreign countries at present;
- (d) the total earnings made by RITES from these projects;
- (e) the number of proposals at present in hand pending clearance for execution;
- (f) whether some projects of the RITES were suspended in foreign countries;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (h) whether necessary safety and security are addressed with concerned countries for officials of the RITES; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/being taken by RITES to get more projects in foreign countries?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4997 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.05.2007
REGARDING RITES PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the last three years, RITES has undertaken 87 numbers of projects in various countries mainly in Afghanistan, Angola, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Botswana, Colombia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Turkey, UAE, Uganda and Vietnam. Out of these, 44 projects have been completed and 43 projects are on-going projects.

(c): At present 43 nos. of projects are in progress.

(d): Total earnings made by RITES from such projects in last three years is Rs. 308 crores approximately.

(e): In 8 number of projects, RITES has given their offers and are under active consideration of various Clients.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.

(h): Yes, Sir. General safety and security precautions are taken by RITES officials during their assignments in foreign countries. Necessary safety and security required are covered in the contract provisions with the client. Moreover, RITES personnel deputed are always advised to remain in constant touch with the local Indian embassy, High Commission.

(i) RITES being a commercial organization, is constantly making efforts in getting new projects in the international arena through interaction with Indian/International project funding agencies i.e. EXIM Bank, Ministry of External Affairs, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Embassies etc. and also participates in the open bidding competition sought by the Client.