

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND NAMIBIA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Namibia has sought Indian cooperation to build and upgrade its railway infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Union Government on the request of Namibian Government thereon;
- (d) whether any MoU has been signed with the Namibian Government thereon; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Co-operation of Indian Railways has been sought to upgrade the railway system in Namibia. Mr. N. Kaapanda, Hon'ble Minister of Works, Transport and Communication, Government of Namibia along with a delegation visited India in February, 2008 on the invitation of Minister of Railways, Government of India to explore the possibility of co-operation in the rail sector. RITES and IRCON International Limited, Public Sector Undertakings of Indian Railways have shown interest in railway expansion plans in the areas of new Railway lines, upgradation of present railway lines, development of dry port & container terminals, training of railway engineers etc.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.