

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RENOVATION OF ABANDONED RAILWAY STRUCTURES HAVING HERITAGE VALUE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have sought help of the corporate houses for sustainable development of abandoned railway structures spread across the country which have heritage value;
- (b) if so, the details of such abandoned railway structures; and
- (c) the response of the corporate houses in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. However, a letter has been written to the Confederation of India Industry (CII) for consideration of mobilization of resources/partnerships for adaptive reuse of redundant railway structures/sites.

(b) & (c) Presently, only the Kabini Bridge near Mysore has been identified and an Expression of Interest called for by the South Western Railway. Response is awaited.