

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4890
ANSWERED ON:26.08.2010
RAIL YOJANA
Panda Shri Baijayant

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce the Pradhan Mantri Gram Rail Yojana to provide rail connectivity to rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to undertake various initiatives for better welfare of rail employees i.e. in health, housing and education sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4890 BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA AND SHRI RUDRA MADHAB RAY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.08.2010 REGARDING RAIL YOJANA.

(a) & (b): The scheme is presently under consideration and will be formulated.

(c) to (e): The railways have taken the following initiatives for better welfare of rail employees in health, housing & education sectors:-

(i) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Railways for development of healthcare infrastructure along the rail network of country. These health care infrastructure facilities shall be developed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on the vacant railway land, which is not required for immediate operational use. On the land identified by the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare shall develop OPD & Diagnostic Centre, Secondary level General Specialty Hospitals, Tertiary level Super Specialty Hospitals. Setting up these healthcare facilities shall provide affordable and modern quality health care services to Indian Railway employees as well as to railway passengers, public living around such areas and to the citizens at large.

(ii) A scheme titled as 'House for all' has been announced in Railway Budget 2010-11. Details of this scheme are being evolved with Ministry of Urban Development.

(iii) Ministry of Railways has signed a MoU with Ministry of Human Resource Development for development of educational facilities on Railway premises. A High Powered Working Group has been constituted consisting of Senior Official from both the Ministries for achievement of the objectives of MoU. Six new Kendriya Vidyalayas to be set up on Railway land have been sanctioned so far by Ministry of Human Resource Development.