

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:427
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AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated a group of policies designed to attract investment for auto hubs, manufacturing units of rolling stock, multi-modal logistics parks and high speed train corridors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of these policies;
- (c) whether the Railways have launched Private Freight Terminal Policy;
- (d) if so, the components and the objectives of the policy; and
- (e) the extent to which the initiatives taken by the Railways will extend their share of the automotive logistics sector leading to the growth of the Indian automotive market?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 427 BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA & SHRI RUDRA MADHAB RAY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2010 REGARDING AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

(a) & (b) To increase modal share of railways in transportation of automobiles and to facilitate end to end logistics for automobile manufacturers as also other stake holders, Indian Railways has introduced schemes for development of automobiles and ancillary hub and Automobile Freight Train Operators. Ten locations have been identified at major production and consumption centers for development of Automobile and Ancillary Hubs. The first such Hub under a pilot project at Shalimar has been operationalised. Besides this, a number of initiatives under PPP/JV/Departmental have been taken for setting up manufacturing facilities for locos, coaches, wagon and its ancillaries, axles, etc. In case of high speed corridors, presently it is at the preparation of pre-feasibility study stage. The policy for setting up of multi-modal logistic parks under formulation.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The policy on Private Freight Terminal (PFT) has already been issued to facilitate rapid development of a network of freight terminals with private investment to provide efficient and cost effective logistics services to end users including door to door services, divert high rated finished traffic from road to rail. The scheme will facilitate traffic handling at the terminals with participation of major logistics service provider to create world-class logistics facilities and thereby increasing Indian Railway (IR)'s market share.

(e) Automobile sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in India. With a view to increase Indian Railway's modal share in transportation of automobile traffic and to facilitate aggregation and distribution centers for automobile traffic, Indian Railways has introduced schemes for Automobile Freight Train Operator (AFTO) and development of automobile hubs near rail heads through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.