

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE PLAYERS IN PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Finance Ministry has recommended the entry of private players in passenger train services to increase facilities and enhance the overall services and performance of Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, whether the Finance Ministry has also asked the Ministry of Railways to prepare a roadmap to introduce private competition in the railway passenger transportation system;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Finance has not recommended entry of private players in the passenger train services. However, it had referred a suggestion made by a Member of the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Finance, that cargo could be left with the public sector and passenger service allowed to be handled by the private sector.

The suggestion has been examined and has not been found feasible.