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RAILWAY PROJECTS AND RLDA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the modernization work of 86 stations has been handed over to the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the RLDA and some other private players are also invited by the Railways to develop Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) at various stations across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details and the likely advantage thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): In order to provide rail users various facilities like shopping, food stalls & restaurants, book stalls, PCO/STD/ISD/fax booths, medicine & variety store and budget hotel, etc. Ministry of Railways have taken up setting up of Multi-functional Complexes (MFCs) at various stations. So far, 160 stations have been identified for the purpose. Development of MFCs at various stations has been entrusted to zonal railways and Railway's PSUs including at 92 stations to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA). The scheme includes construction of basic structure by zonal railways/PSUs and furnishing and management of these MFCs thereof by lessees selected through an open, transparent, competitive bidding process. For some stations, the lessee may also be assigned construction of MFCs in addition to its furnishing and management.