

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the private sector has expressed interest to collaborate with the Railways for completion of the pending projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the joint partnership and technology upgradation taken in the XI Five Year Plan, year-wise, and investments made so far for the period, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to seek help of private players to bail it out in major pending projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith terms and conditions laid down, project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Private sector has evinced interest for participation in areas identified for possible execution through public private participation. Satisfactory progress has been made in Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives for operation of container trains and special freight trains and also in the port and other connectivity works.

Private freight terminals and automobiles and ancillary hubs, bottling plants for clean drinking water and joint ventures for acquisition of rolling stock are some other areas identified for PPP initiatives.

(c): During the 11th Five Year Plan joint venture partnership has been formed for Angul-Sukinda new line project.

The year-wise investment made for this project is as under:

20th Feb 2009 to 31st March 2010 - Rs. 28.92 Cr.

1st April 2010 to 31st Jan 2011 - Rs. 15.89 Cr.

(d) & (e): Government is equipped to meet the resource requirement of the Government-funded projects. There is, therefore, no need to seek help of private players to bail Government out in major pending projects. Partnership of private sector has been sought in accordance with the schemes approved by the Government to catalyse growth for augmenting the existing capacity for meeting the aspirations of a fast growing population.