

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are taking financial assistance from private sector for various railway projects in the country especially in the South Western Railway (SWR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of such projects in SWR; and
- (d) the time by which such projects are likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Some projects have been identified for execution through Public Private Partnership and Joint Venture route. These include development of world-class railway stations, setting up of SPVs for manufacturing of locomotives, coaches and rolling stock components, operation of container trains and special freight trains, investment in port and other connectivity works, private freight terminals and automobiles and ancillary hubs, bottling plants for clean drinking water, etc.

So far, Ministry of Railways has completed three rail-connectivity projects under Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) mode. These are:

- (i) Surendra Nagar-Pipavav gauge conversion on Western Railway
- (ii) Hassan- Mangalore gauge conversion on South Western Railway
- (iii) Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion on Western Railway

(c) & (d): In South Western Railway, Hassan-Mangalore Gauge conversion project (183 kms.) costing Rs. 293 crore was taken up through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed in partnership with New Mangalore Port Trust, Mineral Enterprise Limited, K-RIDE and Government of Karnataka. This line is now operational.

Bangalore City, Baiyapanahali and Goa (Vasco- da- Gama) stations in South Western Railway have been identified for development into world- class stations through Public-Private Partnership (PPP). No definite time-frame can be indicated for these projects at this stage.