

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3579
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
MAINTENANCE OF TRACKS
Tandon Annu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to seek participation of private sector to construct, operate and maintain railway tracks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3579 BY SHRIMATI ANNU TANDON TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2011 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF TRACKS.

(a) & (b): Railway already have notified R3i (Railways' Infrastructure for Industry Initiative) and R2CI (Rail Connectivity to Coal and Iron Ore mines) policies to facilitate participation of private sector in construction, operation and maintenance of railway lines providing connectivity to ports, industrial clusters and coal/iron- ore mines. Seven project- specific Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) have been formed with participation of strategic stake-holders. These are given annexure.