

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN RAILWAY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to encourage participation of private sector in Railways' infrastructure development and also simplify tendering process and other terms of conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith new policy proposed in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to ensure timely execution of major projects in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A number of areas/projects have been identified/ earmarked for execution through Public Private Partnership. These include an elevated rail corridor (Churchgate-Virar), High speed Corridors, redevelopment of stations, Logistics Parks, Private freight terminals, leasing of wagons and other freight- marketing schemes, Port connectivity, Dedicated Freight Corridors and loco and coach manufacturing units, etc.

A draft policy for private participation in capacity augmentation and connectivity projects containing different models for different categories of such projects has been prepared. This covers:

- (i) Non-Government Railway lines;
- (ii) Special Purpose Vehicles through Joint Venture;
- (iii) BoT (Build Operate Transfer);
- (iv) BoT- annuity;
- (v) User funded lines to be used as multiple user lines; and
- (vi) Capacity augmentation funded by customers.

The draft policy also envisages greater participation of State Governments railway projects.

(c): A system of regular monitoring of projects exists at various tiers of the Railway Administration to avoid cost and time overruns. All efforts are made on a continuous basis to complete the projects in time depending upon availability of resources.