

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5675  
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TAX FREE BONDS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to raise funds through tax free infrastructure bonds during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of projects likely to be funded by the said amount?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. Railways propose to raise funds through issue of tax free bonds by Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd. during the current financial year.
- (b): Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd., a Company fully owned by the Government under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways, is one of the financial institutions designated to issue tax free bonds up to `10,000 crore during the financial year 2012-13.
- (c): The funds would be utilized mainly to finance acquisition of rolling stock for use by the Railways.