

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have proposed to develop new healthcare infrastructure facilities along the Railway network in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the locations identified for the purpose, zone-wise;
- (c) the time-frame set for its implementation; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by the Railways to improve healthcare facilities/infrastructure?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up 522 healthcare facilities, 381 OPD & Diagnostic Centre ( 200 sq. m.), 101 Secondary Level General Speciality Hospital (5 acres) and 40 Tertiary Level Super Speciality Hospital (20 acres) on vacant railway land, not immediately operationally required, along the railway network of the country. To operationalise the MOU, a High Power Working with senior officials of both the Ministries, has identified 91 locations, 50 for OPD & Diagnostic Centres, 25 for Secondary Level General Speciality Hospitals, 16 for Tertiary Level Super Speciality Hospitals as a pilot project. Further, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has identified 11 locations to test the pilot project. M/s. IL & FS, a Transaction Advisor appointed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, is entrusted with the work of conducting the feasibility study at these 11 locations. The zone-wise list of locations is Appended.

(c) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is in the process of finalizing the financial model for establishment and operation of the proposed OPD & Diagnostic Centre. Ministry of Railways is regularly following up the matter with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

(d) Upgrading of the healthcare facilities/infrastructure for benefit of Railway beneficiaries' is an ongoing process. Works and equipments are being sanctioned regularly to improve the existing infrastructure and add new facilities based on the needs of the Railway beneficiaries.