

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MOU WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other countries e.g. Belgium for the modernisation of Indian Railways including railway stations in the country;

(b): if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c): the details of projects identified to be developed under such agreements, State-wise/zone-wise;

(d): whether the Railways have appointed any monitoring committee to oversee such MoUs for effective implementation of the agreements; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : At present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) exists with Belgium and Austria. MoU has been signed with the Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport of Kingdom of Belgium to ascertain general principles and cooperation between Indian and Belgian Railways for effective development and modernization of Railway Sector of both the countries. The cooperation programme, inter alia, includes consultation and exchange of relevant information and services of cooperation for modernization of railway stations and railway infrastructure.

MoU with Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria has been signed for technology-specific cooperation in the field of Railways.

(c) : Projects to be developed under these MoUs have not been identified yet.

(d) & (e) : Steering & Working Groups have been established to finalize broad modalities of the proposed agreement with Belgium and to work out the details for the same. Similar arrangements would be made with Austria.