

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1329

ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009

EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FINANCING

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Bapurao Shri Khatgaonkar Patil Bhaskarrao;Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Saroj Smt. Sushila;Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an expert committee on financing has been constituted recently report;
- (b) if so, the main objectives of the said committee;
- (c) the main recommendations made by the committee; and
- (d) the reaction of the railways thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1329 BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ, SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI, SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR, SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI, SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL, SHRI B.B. PATIL AND SHRI EKNATH M. GAIKWAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.11.2009 REGARDING EXPERT COMMITTEE ON FINANCING

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, Ministry of Railways have constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Amit Mitra, Secretary-General/Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for developing business models and innovative funding through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) instruments. The main objectives of the Expert Committee inter alia are

(i) Developing business models & innovative funding through PPP instruments in respect of railway projects including Dedicated Freight Corridor, multi-modal logistics parks, locomotive & rail coach factories, world class stations, multi-functional complexes, medical/nursing colleges etc.,

(ii) Developing business models and strategies for commercial utilization of railway land and air-space,

(iii) Developing innovative funding mechanism in respect of economically unviable yet socially desirable projects,

(iv) To develop vision 2020 for the Railways with appropriate phasing of unfolding this vision, in the short, medium and long term plans of action, etc.

(c) & (d): The first set of recommendations of the Expert Committee headed by Dr Amit Mitra has been received. These recommendations inter alia relate to setting up of multi-functional complexes across Indian Railways by bringing in appropriate Private Equity, development of world class stations over Indian Railways through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, and setting up of locomotive and rail coach factories through Joint Venture/Private Equity models. Recommendations of the Expert Committee have been accepted and action for the implementation of the same has been initiated.