

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MOU WITH CHINA

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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 China for the development of railway infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said MoU and the benefit likely to accrue to India as a result thereof;
- (c) the areas of cooperation and the projects identified for the purpose; and
- (d) the time- frame set for implementation of the said MoU?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Technical Cooperation in Railway Sector has been signed between Ministry of Railways, Government of India and the Ministry of Railways, Government of the People's Republic of China on 26th November 2012. The MoU is intended to define general ways of cooperation between the two countries in railway sector and to establish the main principles for the said cooperation. Indian Railways would benefit from the Chinese experience of infrastructure expansion & technological developments in the railway sector.

(c): The cooperation programme, inter alia, includes enhancing mutual cooperation across various areas of rail technology including High Speed Rail, Heavy Haul and Station Development.

(d): The MoU is valid for a period of 5 years extendable by 3 years with mutual consent of both sides.