

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Chinese delegation visited India last year to discuss modernization and technology upgrade in Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of discussions;
- (c) whether a Sino-India Railways Cooperation Working Group has been set up; and
- (d) if so, the work done by the Group so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Two multi-disciplinary Chinese Railway Delegations visited India in the months of March 2008 & July 2008 in pursuance of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Ministries of Railways of two countries in the year 2008. In the discussions held with the two delegations, it was agreed to strengthen cooperation in the areas of speed raising, running of heavy axle load operations and development of logistics parks. The Chinese delegation also visited Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahali (near Bangalore) to consider the possibility of providing design and consultancy support for development of Bhubaneswar and Baiyyappanahali Stations into World Class Stations.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.