

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:537

ANSWERED ON:14.08.2014

SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES BY RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medical colleges proposed to be set up by the Railways in the country and the present status of each of these projects, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways have allotted the requisite land for setting up of these medical colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of funds allocated/released/utilised for the purpose so far, project-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to set up these medical colleges in a time bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 537 BY SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.08.2014 REGARDING SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES BY RAILWAYS.

(a), (d) & (e) In Railway Budget 2009-10, it was announced that, to give higher education facilities to new generation of railway children, Medical colleges were planned to be established attached to existing railway hospitals through PPP, at 18 locations i.e. at Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Barasat (West Bengal), Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Mysore (Karnataka), Kharagpur (West Bengal), Guwahati (Assam), Dibrugarh (Assam), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Gardenreach (West Bengal), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), B.R. Singh Hospital/Kolkata (West Bengal), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and Trivandrum (Kerala).

To begin with, out of the 18 Medical Colleges announced in the Railway Budget 2009-10 to be set-up with existing Railway Hospitals on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, 05 locations viz. Chennai, Guwahati, Kharagpur, Lucknow and Secunderabad where Medical Council of India (MCI) norms with respect to hospital bed strength and land etc., were more or less being met, were identified for Phase-I. M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) was appointed and awarded with the work (worth Rs. 187 lakhs + Service tax) of consultancy and preparing bid documents for selection of a private partner for Phase-I. Till date, Rs. 29.41 lakhs have been paid to M/s RITES. M/s RITES have since submitted preliminary reports of feasibility studies of Chennai, Secunderabad and Kharagpur whereas feasibility study reports of other two locations have not been submitted. However, the progress has not been satisfactory as the proposed PPP model has not found favour with the Medical Council of India (MCI). In this connection, a meeting was also held with officials of Medical Council of India (MCI) on 05.03.2014, during which MCI officials conveyed that such a dual ownership is not permissible where hospital is owned by Railways & Medical College is set up by private partner.

(b) & (c) Under the proposed PPP model, Railway was to provide the existing Railway Hospitals and vacant Railway land only. The private partner was to build and operate the Medical College. The question of allotment of land by the Railways shall come only if the proposed PPP model is finalized.