

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1321
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014
SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES BY RAILWAYS
Ering Shri Ninong

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 including North-East, 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/utilized 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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1321 BY SHRI NINONG ERING TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2014 REGARDING SETTING UP OF MEDICAL COLLEGES BY RAILWAYS.

(a) & (e) The then Hon'ble MR in the budget 2009-10 had announced that Medical Colleges were planned to be established attached to existing railway hospitals through Public Private Partnership (PPP), to give higher education facilities to new generation of railway children at 18 locations i.e. at Chennai, Hyderabad, Bilaspur, Lucknow, Barasat, Bhubaneswar, Mysore, Kharagpur, Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Jodhpur, Garden-Reach, Nagpur, Ahmedabad, B.R. Singh Hospital (Kolkata), Bhopal, Jammu and Trivandrum.

To implement the pronouncement, 05 locations viz., Chennai, Guwahati, Kharagpur, Lucknow and Hyderabad were identified for Phase-I.

As per Medical Council of India (MCI) Rules, Public Private Partnership (PPP) Medical College with Government (Railway) Hospital is not permitted. This Ministry have, therefore, dropped the proposal of setting up of Medical Colleges.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

(d) M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services(RITES) was appointed and was awarded the work (worth Rs. 187 lakhs + Service tax) of consultancy and preparing bid documents for selection of a private partner for Phase-I. M/s RITES have submitted preliminary reports of feasibility studies of Chennai, Secunderabad and Kharagpur. Till date, Rs. 29.41 lakhs have been paid to M/s RITES.