

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with some foreign countries on developing high speed corridors in the country;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have also sought technical assistance for certain station redevelopment projects from some foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the conditions imposed by such countries in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to set up a Railway University in collaboration with technical institutions for introducing railway oriented subjects for graduation and skill development?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): High Speed Rail is an identified area of cooperation in the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for technical cooperation in the rail sector signed with the Railways /Government of Japan, Spain, France, Germany, China and Republic of Korea.

(c) & (d): Station redevelopment is one of the areas of cooperation in the MoUs for technical cooperation in the rail sector signed with the Railways/ Government of China, Belgium, Czech Republic and France. Two stations, viz. Bhubaneshwar /New Bhubaneshwar and Baiyappanahalli (Bengaluru) have been identified for undertaking prefeasibility studies with Chinese assistance.

(e): For establishment of Railway University, consultancy of EdCIL (India) Ltd., a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Human Resource Development has been availed. It has been decided to introduce a two year Postgraduate programme in 'Railway Engineering and Management leading to award of M.Tech degree in IIT/Kharagpur. For skill upgradation of the ground level staff, Foreman Training Institute (FTI), Bengaluru has agreed to conduct short term courses for Supervisors.