

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Korea to modernise the railways of the two countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas identified for co-operation between the two countries;
- (c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for modernization of railways under the above MoU;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the work of modernization is likely to be started?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Technical Cooperation in the field of Railways between the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Government of the Republic of Korea has been signed on 17th November 2014.

The areas identified for cooperation under this MoU include High Speed Railways, modernization of rolling stocks as well as signaling and communication systems in Railways, modernization of Railways' operation and management, development of inter-modal transport, logistics parks and freight terminals and exchange of construction and maintenance technologies for fixed infrastructure-Track, Bridges, Overhead Electrification and Power Supply Systems.

The MoU is valid for a period of three years from the date of its signature, extendable for a period of two years by mutual written consent. As such, no time frame has been set up in the MoU for modernization of Railways.