

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SERVICES WITH PARTNERSHIP IN RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the Zone-wise, details of services provided/being provided with private partnership in Railways;
- (b) the Zone-wise, details of income likely to be generated by Railways from the said services;
- (c) whether the said partnership is likely to result in more savings for Railways and likely to reduce the number of employees; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is likely to affect the Railways?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): On Zonal Railways, no passenger/freight train services are currently being operated by the private sector. However, Container trains owned by private players, are operated by Indian Railways. Such services are operated on Pan-Indian Railway basis instead of Zonal Railway basis. The targeted earnings from such operation in 2014-15 is Rs. 4827.57 crore.

Private Partnership involves sharing of risks, responsibility and revenue from particular projects/services as different from outsourcing/licensing of certain services which are purely expenditure/revenue sharing arrangements.

Policy instructions exist for operation and maintenance of 'Pay and Use' toilets and of retiring rooms at stations through private licensees on payment of annual licence fees. Further, in August, 2014, instructions have been issued for operation of passenger ticketing terminals through authorised agents on fixed licences and commission sharing basis, under the Yatri Ticket Suidha Kendra (YTSK) scheme. The likely revenue from recently introduced Yatri Ticket Suidha Kendra (YTSK) scheme has not been assigned.

(c) & (d): Such partnerships encourage investments and result in better services to users without having a direct impact on number of employees.