

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LAUNCH OF MAKE IN INDIA PROGRAMME IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to encourage foreign investors in the launch of 'Make in India' programme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways also have any proposal to adopt standard loading gauge for a broad-gauge track in the county;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways in November, 2014 have issued Sectoral guidelines for permitting Domestic/Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in construction, operation and maintenance in the following identified areas:

(i) Suburban corridors through Public Private Partnership (PPP); (ii) High speed train projects; (iii) Dedicated freight lines; (iv) Rolling stock including trains sets and locomotive/ coaches manufacturing and maintenance facilities; (v) Railway electrification; (vi) Signaling system; (vii) Freight terminals; (viii) Passenger terminals (ix) Testing facilities and laboratories; (x) Non- Conventional Sources of Energy; (xi) Railway Technical Training Institutes; (xii) Concessioning of standalone passenger corridors (branch lines, hill railways etc.); (xiii) Mechanized Laundry; (xiv) Rolling stock procurement; (xv) Bio-toilets; (xvi) Technological solutions for manned and unmanned level crossings; (xvii) Technological solutions to improve Safety and reduce accidents.

The guidelines will encourage foreign investors for making investment under 'Make in India' programme. An Investors meet was also held on 5th December, 2014 to encourage foreign investors in making investment.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.