

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2375  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

**2375. DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether special Purpose Vehicles have been set up to upgrade 21 Railway stations in Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the progress of the projects till date and the proposed timeline for upgrading the stations?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2375 BY DR. NARAMALLI SIVA PRASAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES**

**(a) and (b): No, Madam. Government has recently approved Railways' proposal for redevelopment of railway stations by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) as Nodal Agency, through simplified procedures and for longer lease tenure. Accordingly, necessary action has been initiated for redevelopment of major railway stations all over the country in a phased manner.**

**IRSDC is the main Project Development Agency (PDA) for redevelopment of stations. However, Ministry of Railways may also designate Zonal Railways, Rail Land Development Authority or any other Central Government agency as PDA. The PDAs shall undertake redevelopment of stations on various business models. The cost of station redevelopment project is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations.**

**All major stations on Indian Railways, including those stations located in the State of Andhra Pradesh, have been entrusted to IRSDC and other PDAs for undertaking the techno-economic feasibility studies. A MoU between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and National Building Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs' representative agency) has been signed for development of 10 railway stations in various States, including Nellore and Tirupati stations in Andhra Pradesh. At present, bids are under**

**invitation for Tirupati station and Detailed Project Report has been prepared for Nellore station.**

**Station redevelopment program is first of its kind and complex in nature and requires detailed techno-financial feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies etc. Therefore, no time-frame can be indicated at this stage.**

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