

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 80
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

ROLLING OUT TRAIN 19

***80. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced new railway line from Balurghat to Hilli during 2014-19 and if so, the details along with its present status thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to roll out Train 19, the sleeper class mode of Train 18 (Vande Bharat Express) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) has been entrusted for making a new model of Train 18 which would have sleeper class coaches along with state-of-the-art facilities presently available in Train 18 and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the ICF has received demands for importing such coaches from some South American and Southeast Asian nations and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 80 BY DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.06.2019 REGARDING ROLLING OUT TRAIN 19

(a): 29.60 km long New Line project between Balurghat and Hilli falling in West Bengal was sanctioned in 2010-11. The progress is slow because this project needs 167 Hectare of land, for which proposal has already been submitted to the State Government but land acquisition is still pending with State Government of West Bengal.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The design work of AC sleeper class version of Vande Bharat Express has been taken up at Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

(d): No, Sir. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai has not received demands from South American and South East Asian nations.
