

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.478  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

**+478. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:  
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:  
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:  
SHRI JOHN BARLA:  
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:  
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to start several socio-economic activities to provide benefits to both the rural and urban communities;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether skill development is likely to be included in the proposed socio-economic activities intended to be started by the Railways; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) and (b): Indian Railways, besides running trains/special trains on existing Railway system, is undertaking various infrastructure projects including new lines, gauge conversion, doubling, electrification, bridges, etc. which provide direct and indirect benefits to both the rural and urban communities. Railways is also expediting execution of Railway infrastructure works in identified districts under Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojna to give impetus to socio-**

**economic activities in rural and urban areas. Indian Railways has also identified number of works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme for execution by state Government/ local authority which provide direct and indirect benefits to rural communities.**

**(c) and (d): For skill development, Indian Railways is already providing training to Act Apprentices under Apprentice Act,1961.**

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