

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4087  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

**FDI IN RAILWAYS**

**4087. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

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

- (a) the areas in Railways specified by the Government for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) along with the total FDI in such areas so far;**
- (b) the extent to which the FDI in Railways is likely to help the Government to achieve its goal of railway safety in the country;**
- (c) whether the Government has received representations from various Railway Unions against allowing FDI in Railways;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government on such representations so far; and**
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to address the issues of railway employees and to protect their rights in the country?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a): Till 22nd August, 2014, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Railway Sector was restricted only to “Mass Rapid Transport System”. However, FDI has now been opened up/permitted in the following activities/areas of Railway Infrastructure (100% on automatic route) under the extant FDI Policy of Government since 22 August, 2014 :-**

**“Construction, Operation and Maintenance of :-**

- (i) Suburban corridors projects through PPP;**
- (ii) High Speed Train Projects;**

- (iii) Dedicated Freight Lines;**
- (iv) Rolling Stock including train sets and locomotives/coaches manufacturing and maintenance facilities;**
- (v) Railway Electrification;**
- (vi) Signaling systems;**
- (vii) Freight terminals;**
- (viii) Passenger terminals;**
- (ix) Infrastructure in industrial park pertaining to railway line/ sidings including electrified railway lines and connectivities to main railway line; and**
- (x) Mass Rapid Transport Systems”**

**As per the figure compiled by Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) the total FDI received in Railway sector till December, 2019 is approx. 1071 million US dollars.**

**(b): Additional capital investment including from FDI for augmentation modernisation of Railway’s infrastructure helps to achieve the goal of Railway safety.**

**(c) to (e) : A few representations have been received from Railway Unions regarding FDI. It has been clarified that there are inbuilt safeguards to protect interest of the existing employees of Railways.**

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