

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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NON-TRADITIONAL SOURCES OF RAILWAY FUNDS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the task force constituted to explore non-traditional sources of funds for investment in rail works has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations made therein; and
- (c) the action proposed by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to plan flow of investment from non-traditional sources of revenue, a Task Force comprising of senior Railway Officers and representative from FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM was set up to undertake an in-depth study of various issues.

The Task Force has recommended generating revenue from non-traditional sources like commercial utilisation of land and air space, Own your Wagon Scheme, BOLT (build Own Lease Transfer) scheme, commercial publicity and other innovative financing packages including joint ventures and formation of SPVs (Special Purpose Vehicles) with private organisations.

Action has already been initiated in respect of these recommendations. Empowered Committees have been formed to expedite issue of guidelines to the Zonal Railways and these Committees have already started deliberating on these guidelines.