

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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MOU WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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

- (a) Whether a high level railway delegation visited European countries in the recent past;
- (b) If so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) The details of Memorandum of Undertakings (MoUs) signed with the various countries for the development of railways?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. A high level delegation led by Minister of Railways visited United Kingdom, France, Austria, Italy and Germany from 23.6.2006 to 07.07.2006.

(b) & (c): The delegation visited railway facilities to see the systems, practices and latest advances in railway technologies. The delegation also discussed with the Governments and railway authorities regarding mutual cooperation. During the visit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for technical cooperation between the Indian Railways and Ferrovie dello Stato s.p.a. (Italian Railways) has been signed on 3.7.06.