

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2356  
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INTERNATIONAL RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Railways have planned to tie up with Chinese counterpart in their railway expansion programme as appeared in Business Line on November 9, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways have already tied up with several International Railways for co-operation; and
- (d) if so, what benefit Indian Railways have achieved and how railways have utilized the same for development?

**Answer**

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Railways of Austria, France, Russia, Germany, Italy and South Africa in recent past. This has facilitated increased technical cooperation for development of rail related projects.