

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3313
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PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the requirement of funds for investment in various projects to upgrade and create a world class railway system catering to both passenger and freight traffic;
- (b) the steps being taken to encourage private sector participation in designing of railway rolling stock, rail linkage with ports, construction of dedicated freight corridor and providing warehousing and other passenger friendly facilities at railway stations ;
- (c) whether the Railways have perspective plan for privatization of regional passenger trains, construction of locomotives, coaches and tracks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a): Investment in various projects to strengthen and upgrade the railway system is a continuous process. As per a quick estimate, more than Rs. two lakh crores would be required during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- (b): Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) has been entrusted with port connectivity projects. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has been given the responsibility of executing Dedicated Freight Corridor project. Two Projects for manufacturing of coaches and diesel locomotives with possible participation of private sector have been approved by the Government. There are ongoing programmes for providing warehousing in collaboration with Central Warehousing Corporation, and for providing other passenger facilities at railway stations.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.