

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Modernisation of Railway
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps being taken by Central Government for modernisation of Railways and to make it a big contributor in Make in India programme;
- (b) the details of measures being taken by Central Government to promote foreign investment and private investment in railway sector; and
- (c) the details of fund spent for modernisation of Railways during the last three fiscal years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Railways have initiated various steps for modernisation of Railways like mechanised maintenance of track, induction of new generation diesel and electric locomotives, high- speed potential LHB coaches, upgradation of sub-urban coaches, green toilets on all passenger trains, development of modern high pay load to tare ratio wagons, enhancement of customer amenities at stations and on trains, issue of new station development policy and policy circular for import substitution etc.

(b): A participative policy for rail connectivity and capacity augmentation was issued in December, 2012 which provides five models for building rail connectivities. Ministry of Railways in November, 2014 has also issued sectoral guidelines for Domestic and Foreign Direct Investment.

(c): There is no specific plan head accounting for modernisation of Railways. However, the Plan expenditure by Railway for assets acquisition, construction and replacement which includes the modernisation component during the last three years is as under:

Year Plan Expenditure (? in crores)

2012-13 50383.45

2013-14 53989.26

2014-15 58718.94
