GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1251
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2022

SETTING UP OF HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE ON RAILWAY LAND

1251. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 91 locations have been identified, which include New Bongaigaon and Rangapara for a pilot project of setting up territory level multi speciality hospital under North East Frontier Railway (NFR);

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating location-wise present status as well as recommendation made, if any, by the Transaction Advisor for this project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Yes, Sir. During the Budget Speech of 2010-11, it was announced to set up 381 OPD & Diagnostic Centres, 101 Secondary Level General Specialty Hospitals and 40 Tertiary Level Multi-Specialities Hospitals (including New Bongaigaon and Rangapara North) in collaboration of MoH&FW. A High Power Working Group with senior officials of both the Ministries under the Chairmanship of Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare had identified 91 locations including 50 OPD & Diagnostic Centres, 25 Secondary Level General Specialty Hospitals and 16 Tertiary Level Multi-Specialities Hospitals for a pilot project.

(b) & (c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on 05.02.2010 as per which MoH&FW was to establish OPD & Diagnostic Centres, Secondary Level General Specialty Hospitals and Tertiary Level Multi-Specialities Hospitals on surplus Railway land that not operationally required.

MoH&FW had appointed M/s Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) as a Transaction Advisor for the said project and was entrusted to carry out Market Assessment and Project Structuring and Transaction Advisor submitted its Report in September 2011.

In 2016, MoH&FW advised to Ministry of Railways to enter into MoUs with the respective State Government, where they wish to offer excess vacant land for establishment of healthcare facilities as Government of India does not engage in establishing various health facilities in States directly. It only provides technical and financial assistance to the State Governments to strengthen their healthcare system, including for physical infrastructure.

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