GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 175 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

175. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways executes a wide range of works through the agencies of contractors and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the contract management of Railways is very poor and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the poor contract management is one of the biggest reasons for the delay in projects; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in contemplating for better management of contracts in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Works Contracts are invited mainly for different types of works such as:
 - (i) New works sanctioned by Ministry of Railways or Zonal Railways,

- (ii) Maintenance activities,
- (iii) Services being provided to passenger/ customers.

These tenders are invited generally by the process of Open Tenders following an established procedure. Contracts are awarded in a transparent manner, following all the rules and regulations on the subject.

- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) No, Madam. However, sometimes major projects are delayed mainly due to non-availability of requisite funds in time, delay in acquisition of land, delay in completion of works required to be carried out by others to provide clear right of way etc.
- (d) Does not arise.
