

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4565  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017**

**DEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**4565. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:  
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways has allocated USD 142 billion to be spent over the next five years for development of railway infrastructure;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has received any contributions from international agencies such as the World Bank (WB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) towards the Railway Development Fund;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Railways would consider establishing smaller RDFs for specific zones and their various needs including the Southern Railway Zone; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): An investment plan for ₹ 8,56,020 crore over five years was announced in Railway Budget Speech 2015-16 to augment infrastructure capacity and modernisation which includes network decongestion and expansion (including electrification), National**

**projects, Safety, Information Technology & Research, Rolling Stocks, Passenger amenities, High Speed & Elevated corridors and Station redevelopment etc.**

**(c) to (f): No, Madam. The World Bank was approached to explore the possibility of setting up of a fund for financing infrastructure and World Bank has done a detailed Scoping and Options study for creating such a fund. Establishing smaller RDFs for specific zones is not contemplated as funds required by zones are made available through the Ministry of Railways.**

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