

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

PRIVATIZATION OF RAILWAY LINES

1880. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Railways is considering to privatize railway lines;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that many countries had tried to privatize their railways but failed; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) : No Madam. There is no such proposal at present.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d) : There are international examples of privatization of Railways in several countries for example Canada, United Kingdom and Japan. As per information available in public domain, results of these efforts have been mixed. However, international examples may be useful, these needs to be studied/analyzed with reference to their specific contexts and circumstances and policy actions.
