# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5350 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018

#### **INDO-FRENCH RAILWAYS FORUM**

#### 5350. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning for the creation of a permanent Indo-French Railways Forum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the purpose is to enhance the already existing cooperation so that representatives of the two countries can share information;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of proposed projects under the forum?

#### **ANSWER**

### MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Letter of Intent has been signed by Hon'ble Minister of Railways, India and Hon'ble Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France on 10.03.2018 to set up permanent Indo-French Railway Forum.

The forum envisages to provide the framework for the exchange of information between both the countries specifically dedicated to policy development and the follow-up of issues pertaining to transport sector with a focus on railways including high speed, semi-high speed, regulating competition, intermodality, stations, sustainable urban mobility solutions, waste management and safety systems.