

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

1260. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently inked a huge loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for completion of projects to improve rail infrastructure;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the loan amount will be used to complete the ongoing works commenced under earlier tranches;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of loan term and interest to be paid thereon?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) and (b) Government of India has signed a loan agreement with ADB in March 2018 for availing Tranche 3 of US\$ 120 Million from the ongoing loan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Madam. ADB's loan, a Multi Tranche Financing Facility of US\$ 500 Million is for development of following five projects:-

- i. Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (224 Kms);**
- ii. Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling (182 Km);**
- iii. Raipur-Titlagarh Doubling (203 Km);**
- iv. Hospet-Tinaighat Doubling (201 Km); and**
- v. Pune-Wadi Guntakal Electrification (641 Km)**

Government of India has availed the loan under three tranches and the last tranche has been signed in March 2018.

(e) The loan has a repayment period of 15 years with grace period of five years. The rate of interest on this loan is LIBOR + 0.5% and commitment charges of 0.15% on the undisbursed loan amount.
