GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.129 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

REDEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS

129. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has offered redevelopment of several railway stations with the help of foreign countries/firms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with terms and conditions and the criteria for their selection;
- (c) whether the Railways has ignored to provide redevelopment of railway stations task to indigenous companies/firms;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the funds involved in the development of each railway station?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.129 BY SHRI KAMAL NATH, SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA AND SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): Indian Railways had advertised its plan to offer 'A-1' and 'A' category stations on Indian Railways for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The cost of station redevelopment was to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. Twenty three stations were initially taken up for bidding in first phase by Zonal Railways under the Program. Out of these 23 stations, bids were received for two stations only, viz. Jammu Tawi (Northern Railway) and Kozhikode (Southern Railway) stations, which are under evaluation. No bids were received for other stations.

Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) have been entrusted the work of redevelopment of Anand Vihar, Bijwasan, Chandigarh, Gandhinagar, Habibganj (Bhopal), and Surat railway stations. Works have commenced at Habibganj and Gandhinagar stations. Bids for Surat station (Western Railway) and Anand Vihar, Bijwasan & Chandigarh (Northern Railway) have been invited.

An MoU between Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) and NBCC India Ltd. has been signed for development of the following 10 stations:

Tirupati, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Nellore, Madgaon, Charbagh, Gomtinagar, Kota, Thane new, Ernakulam Junction and Puducherry.

Contracts have been finalised for Gomtinagar and bids have been invited for Charbagh (Lucknow) station and Tirupati stations.

All the above works have been offered to indigenous companies/firms. Therefore, there is no question of negligence of indigenous companies/firms by Railways in this regard.

(e): Redevelopment of stations is planned through leveraging of commercial development of vacant land/air space in and around stations. Therefore, no funds have been earmarked for the purpose. Such projects shall generally be cost neutral to Railways.
