

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3495  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

**MAGLEV TRAINS**

**3495. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether six firms including BHEL, Switzerland-based Swissrapide AG and an American rail firm, have shown interest in developing India's proposed Maglev trains that would operate on the principle of magnetic levitation and can run at a top speed of 500 km an hour, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government along with the developers will involve and undertake design, test, build, run trials and operate the levitation-based system between two key cities separated by a distance of 200-500 km, if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has also unveiled a scheme under which IIT courses will be taught to students in village using CSCs and these centres had also tied up with TCS and Siemens for skill development courses, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways had floated an Expression of Interest (EoI) for designing, building, commissioning, operation, running and maintenance of levitation based train system on public private partnership basis on 06.09.2016. 06 firms participated in the EoI. The same remained inconclusive.**
- (b) Nothing contemplated at the moment.**
- (c) There is no scheme of the Railways in which IIT courses are taught to the students in villages.**

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