GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3580 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

SMART RAILWAY STATIONS

3580. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to renovate the railway stations as Smart Railway Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds earmarked for this purpose; and
- (d) the details of the railway stations identified to renovate them as Smart Railway Stations, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3580 BY SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING SMART RAILWAY STATIONS

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Government has recently approved Railways' proposal for redevelopment of railway stations by Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) as Nodal Agency, through simplified procedures and for longer lease tenure up to 99 years, allowing multiple subleasing, redevelopment of station through various business modes etc.
- (c) 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.
- (d) All the stations on Indian Railways, located in various States and Union Territories of the country, have been entrusted to IRSDC for undertaking the techno-economic feasibility studies. Based on the outcome of the feasibility studies, the stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases.
