

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.653  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**MPLADS FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS**

**653. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken decision to provide equal financial assistance to railway projects taken under MPLADS by hon'ble Members of Parliament in their constituencies;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from hon'ble Members of Parliament seeking financial assistance for railway projects taken under MPLADS;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status; and**
- (e) the details of financial assistance provided to such projects, State-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (e): Yes Madam. Many Hon'ble Members of Parliament have expressed their desire to provide public facilities/items like Benches etc. at Railway Stations out of their respective MPLAD Funds.**

**Railways have also decided that whatever amount is contributed by Hon'ble Members of Parliament, an equal amount will be provided by Railways to develop such facilities at Railway stations.**

**Request for provision of steel benches, as per above scheme, on equal sharing basis, has been received from 16 Hon'ble MPs.**

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