

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD IN STATION REDEVELOPMENT

5101. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is planning to invite private participation in development works of Railway stations through Swiss Challenge Method;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the railway stations selected for development under this method; and**
- (d) whether any Railway stations in Telangana are being considered for development under this method and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 5101 BY SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD IN STATION REDEVELOPMENT

(a) to (d) : Railways had invited bids on modified bid challenge method for 23 stations. Bids were received for two stations only, viz. Jammu Tawi and Kozhikode stations. During various interactions with developers, investors and other stakeholders, various issues including longer lease period for commercially developed assets, multiple sub leasing, simplified bid procedures etc were repeatedly raised. Now Redevelopment of Railway stations has been initiated through simplified procedure and for longer lease tenure.

Accordingly, Ministry of Railways through various agencies is undertaking techno-economic feasibility studies of railway stations, including those stations located in the State of Telangana. Based on the outcome of these feasibility studies, stations are planned to be taken up for redevelopment in phases, especially the stations located in major cities, pilgrimage centres and important tourist destinations.

Presently, work of redevelopment is in progress at Gandhinagar(Gujarat) and Habibganj(Bhopal) stations. Contracts for redevelopment have been awarded for Gomtinagar, Charbagh (Lucknow) and Puducherry stations.
