

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

EXPANSION OF RAILWAYS WITH PRIVATE PARTICIPATION

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SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the private sector for the expansion of Railways and to provide facilities to the passengers at par with the International standards;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the profit likely to accrue therefrom to the Government in the next two years?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): It is estimated that Indian Railways would need capital investment of ₹50 lakh crore upto the year 2030 for network expansion, capacity augmentation, setting up of freight terminals, station redevelopment, rolling stock induction and other modernization/upgradation works etc. to enable better delivery of passenger and freight services and to improve Railways' modal share in transport. In order to bridge the gap in capital funding and bring in modern technology and improve the operational efficiencies, it is planned to use Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in several initiatives including network expansion and induction of modern rakes to run passenger trains on select routes with an objective to provide

improved service delivery to passengers. However, the responsibility of train operations and safety will continue to be with Indian Railways. As of now, 150 trains in 12 clusters have been planned for induction of modern passenger rakes on PPP basis.

(c): In case of PPP in train operations, mechanism has been planned to enable return on investment to private participation through collection of revenue and payment of haulage charges and revenue share to Indian Railways.
