GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2015

STATUS OF RAILWAY UNIVERSITY

*194. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to set up a Railway University in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified and the funds earmarked for the purpose, State/zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have fixed any time-frame to set up the University and if so, the details thereof including its present status;
- (d) whether some foreign countries including China have offered assistance for setting up the University; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 BY SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN AND SHRI TARIQ ANWAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2015 REGARDING STATUS OF RAILWAY UNIVERSITY

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. It has been decided to establish a Railway University in the country by upgrading the National Academy of Indian Railways at Vadodara, and by taking the existing Centralised Training Institutes, under its umbrella, subject to necessary approvals and certifications. No funds have been earmarked State/ Zone-wise for this purpose.
- (c) Setting up of the Railway University requires preparation of a Detailed Project Report, consultation with other Ministries including the Ministry of Human Resource Development, introduction of a bill in Parliament and allocation of the requisite funds for setting up of the University.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. China has evinced interest in setting up of the proposed Railway University. However, details have not been worked out.
