GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1670 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2016

PARTNERS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

1670. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is unable to identify partners for the public private partnership railway projects announced in 2008-09 and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the previous request for qualification floated to identify private players for the projects elicited response from a Chinese firm and the go slow approach adopted by the Railways is continuing in respect of the said projects and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the environmental clearance and other permissions for the said projects are yet to be provided and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Chinese firms responded to requests for pre-qualifications invited for Madhepura and Marhowra locomotive factory projects. However, they did not meet the prescribed eligibility criteria.

(c): Clearances/permissions for the projects are obtained by the developers in terms of the conditions of the contract.

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