

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1632
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY LINE IN SRI LANKA

1632. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has bagged any contract for construction of new railway lines and maintenance of old railway lines in the Northern Sri Lanka and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether Railways has offered a soft loan of \$ 1 billion to the Government of Sri Lanka for construction of new railway lines in Northern Sri Lanka and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the work has started on the contract and if so, the time-frame within which it is likely to be concluded?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) IRCON International Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Railways, was awarded the work of up-gradation and rehabilitation of section Medawachchiya – Talaimannar, and Omanthai – Pallai – Kankesanthurai in Northern Sri Lanka. This has been completed by March, 2015.**
- (b) No, Madam. Ministry of Railways has not offered loan of \$ 1 billion to the Government of Sri Lanka for construction of new railway lines in Northern Sri Lanka.**
- (c) All the works awarded to IRCON International Limited have been completed.**
