

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 530
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION OF TRAINS

530. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are planning to allow private participation in running the trains; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to allow private participation in train operations on the existing Indian Railway network. However, the sectoral guidelines for Domestic and Foreign direct investments in Railways issued in November, 2014 permits such participation in case of concessioning of standalone passenger corridors (Branch lines/Hill Railways).
