

RAILWAYS TAKE MEASURES FOR BETTER WELFARE OF ITS EMPLOYEES

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The Railways have taken several initiatives for better welfare of railway employees in health, housing and education sectors. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Railways for development of healthcare infrastructure along the rail network of country. These healthcare infrastructure facilities shall be developed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on the vacant railway land, which is not required for immediate operational use. On the land identified by the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shall develop OPD and diagnostic Centre, Secondary level General Specialty Hospitals, Tertiary level Super Specialty Hospitals. Setting up these healthcare facilities shall provide affordable and modern quality health care services to Indian Railway employees as well as to railway passengers, public living around such areas and to the citizens at large.

A scheme titled as 'House for all' has been announced in Railway Budget 2010-11. Details of this scheme are being evolved with ministry of Urban Development.

Ministry of Railways has signed a MoU with Ministry of Human Resource Development for development of educational facilities on Railway premises. A High Powered Working Group has been constituted consisting of senior officials from both the Ministries for achievement of the objectives of MoU. Six new Kendriya Vidyalayas to be set up on Railway land have been sanctioned so far by Ministry of Human Resource Development.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Railways, Shri K.H. Muniyappa in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.