

Re-Development of Habibganj, Nagpur, Gwalior, Amritsar and Sabarmati Stations has also been undertaken through Public Private Partnership.

MoR has also planned private participation in operation of passenger trains by introducing around 150 modern rakes with the objective to induct 'state of the art' rolling stock to provide world class travel experience to passengers.

**Restructuring of Railway Board and cadre
merger in Railways**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has decided to restructure the Railway Board and to undertake cadre merger process in the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railway Unions were consulted before taking the decisions;
- (d) if not, whether any consultative process has been initiated with the Unions for the smooth implementation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Government has, *inter alia*, approved creation of a new Group 'A' Central Service called Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), merger of existing 8 organized services of Railways into IRMS and reorganization of Railway Board on functional lines. Railway Unions have also been kept informed of the decision. The modalities for unification of the existing Group 'A' Central Services of the Railways will be finalized in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training and approval of Alternate Mechanism.

(d) and (e) A two-days Conference of Railway officers was held on 7th and 8th December 2019 in this regard. The matter has been further discussed with Railway Officers' Associations and employees' associations in January 2020.