

certain services like station cleaning, pay and use toilets, retiring rooms, parking and platforms maintenance etc. is being done on need based manner to improve cleanliness and other services.

**MoU between Indian Railways and the Department
for International Development, United Kingdom**

772. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for International Development, United Kingdom (UK);

(b) if so, the details of the MoU and how this would benefit Indian Railways in producing renewable energy for running the trains; and

(c) the details of the projects proposed under this MoU, and whether these renewable energy projects would be given to the private sector or the public sector enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area of co-operation of this MoU envisages to enable energy efficiency and energy self-sufficiency for Indian Railway. The MoU will benefit Indian Railway in field of energy planning, renewable energy planning and deployment including off shore wind and solar energy, energy storage, new energy technologies and off-grid renewable energy services.

(c) There is no such proposal for giving renewable energy projects to private sector or public sector under this MoU at this stage.

Unmanned level crossings

773. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of unmanned level crossings have increased in the country in the last five years; and

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All