



## Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce

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**November 23, 2010**

Ms. Mamatha Banerjee  
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New Delhi 110 001

Dear Madam,

**Sub:** Interactive Meeting of Hon'ble Minister of Railways with Trade & Industry  
**Ref:** Your letter No. D.O. No. 2010/TC(FM)/2/5 dated November 18, 2010

Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) are extremely thankful to you and the Ministry for having invited us to participate at the Interactive Meeting to be Chaired by your goodself on November 24, 2010 at New Delhi to discuss on the participation of private Sector in the various fields of Indian Railway's Schemes viz., Private Freight Terminal (PFT), Special Freight Train Operator (SFTO), Automobile Freight Train Operator Scheme (AFTO), Wagon Lessing Scheme (WLS) etc.

We were indeed grateful to you for having incorporated some of the suggestions put forth by the Chamber in your last Budget 2010 – 11 and BCIC has welcomed some of the laudable proposals announced by you in the Budget which included:-

- ✓ PPP to operate Special Freight Trains
- ✓ Modified Wagon Investment Scheme
- ✓ Introduction of Special Freight Trains
- ✓ Setting up of Automobile and Ancillary Hubs
- ✓ Special Wagons for Iron Ore, Fly Ash, Automobiles

Being the apex Chamber of Commerce and representing the State of Karnataka, we have some major key players such as M/s. Toyota Kirloskar Motors Pvt Ltd., M/s. JSW Steels Ltd., L&T, Bosch and M/s. TVS Motors Ltd who are all very keen to participate with the Government under PPP model in all the above mentioned areas.

In view of the above, we would be grateful if you could kindly enlighten us more on the proposals relating to Investment / Infrastructure Schemes to enable us to disseminate the same amongst our member-companies so that we shall play a catalytic role to take forward these commendable proposals.

## **Adarsh Stations**

While we congratulate you and the Ministry for announcing this wonderful scheme, we at BCIC would like to take part actively through its member companies in designing and developing of world class Stations which include Bangalore City, Bangalore Cantonment, Bagalkot, Chikballapur, Devanahalli, Doddballapur, Ramnagar, Yelahanka Jn. to name a few. These Stations are located in the State of Karnataka and have been identified by your Ministry as “**Adarsh Stations**”. Our members have the requisite technology, wherewithal and capacity to participate in these initiatives as a Private Player. M/s Geodesic Techniques Pvt. Ltd, a member company of BCIC would be keen to submit its proposal in this regard.

## **Commuter Rail Service**

As you are all aware, Bangalore is well known in the International arena for its IT & BT prowess and hence it is imperative for the Union /State Government to provide mass transport needs in order to arrest the ever growing movement of rural population to the urban City of Bangalore.

The Commuter Rail Service for Bengaluru on the lines of MRVC, Mumbai & MMTS, Hyderabad will require the following :-

1. Setting up a Special purpose Vehicle between representative entities of the Indian Railways and the Government of Karnataka, possibly executed on PPP Basis
2. Introduce new trains on new routes and increase the frequency on all routes
3. Increase capacity of tracks and implement state- of- the- art signaling systems
4. Build new stations with good quality infrastructure and improve accessibility to existing stations with last mile connectivity
5. Create multimodal hubs and interchanges to allow people to change to other modes of transport

One of the members of the BCIC Infrastructure Expert Committee Mr. Pranav Jha along with his team at the forum **M/s. Praja.in** has made a detailed **project feasibility report** which we are pleased to enclose herewith for your kind consideration.

## **Multilevel Parking Complex under PPP Model**

Bangalore will be soon having its Metro Rail System as well as there is a proposal to have High Speed Rail Link connectivity between the City and the International Airport.

In your Budget Speech, your goodself had indicated that the Government will be keen to encourage Multi- Level Parking Complexes through PPP Mode.

We, at the Chamber have got very competent members such as M/s. SPML who have the requisite infrastructure, technology, competence and experience to undertake these projects under PPP model. If you so desire, the Chamber shall request the company to submit its draft proposals.

### **Own Wagon's Scheme**

While the Chamber welcomed the above proposal put forth by you in your Budget Speech, we would like to have more details on the scheme as most of our members representing large companies have evinced keen interest on this. We have been given to understand that as per the proposal, customers have to buy rakes with their own investment and the railways will, in turn, supply the rakes depending on the units bought. However, the concern is that the purchased rakes will be included in the general pool of the railways. We hereby submit that this scheme would be a great success provided the investors are allowed to exclusively use the wagon they pay for. This would not only enhance the revenue of the Railways but also help the industry for speedy movement of its finished goods without much loss of time and property.

### **PPP Projects**

**We take this opportunity in requesting your goodself to kindly designate Senior Officials from the Ministry of Railways to visit Bangalore and address the Members of the Chamber on the PPP Schemes and BCIC would be glad to extend all the necessary support/co-operation in organizing this programme for the Ministry of Railways.**

Thanking you,

With kind regards,



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