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The Indo-German Railway Cooperation Workshop

26th September, Indian Embassy in Berlin.

Introduction

The Indian Railways is among the biggest in the world. It plays a major role in looking after the transportation needs of the country, while also bringing together the diverse geographies and helping promote national integration. The railway network is ideal for long-distance travel and movement of bulk commodities, being an energy efficient and economic mode of transport.

With a total route network of about 64,600 km spread across 7,146 stations, with 19,000 trains operating the routes every day, India's railway network is recognised as one of the largest railway systems in the world under a single management.

Urbanisation is driving passenger growth in the country. Consequently, the Government of India has focused on investing on railway infrastructure by relaxing norms and making investor-friendly policies. The Indian Government has just recently approved 100% foreign direct investment (FDI) in certain areas of railways to improve infrastructure for freight and high-speed trains. Presently, private sector companies are looking to invest in rail projects, a development which is helped largely by the government's approval of a recent policy, which enabled private ownership of some railway lines.

The already massive network of the Indian Railways is growing. To meet this demand, an outlay of US\$ 95.6 billion has been approved for the sector by the Planning Commission for the 12th Five-Year Plan. Freight traffic also looks likely to increase with investments and active participation of private sector companies. Additionally, investments to the tune of US\$ 42 billion are anticipated in metro rail networks in the country by 2020.

The breakfast meeting is organised by Indus Media in collaboration with the Indian Embassy and the German Railway Industry Association. The invitation only workshop shall focus on

Agenda and Topics

- Initiatives of the Modi Government to develop the Indian Railway Sector.
- Business opportunities for German companies and suppliers
- Networking and B2B meetings with Indian delegation, Metro and Indian Railway representative

Programme

26th September, 2015 - Indian Embassy, Berlin

Breakfast networking meeting 8.00 - 10.00

08.15 - 08.45	Welcome Mr. Sudhanshu Mani , Minister (Railways), Indian Embassy Berlin. Mr. Arunendra Kumar , Chairman Indian Railway Board- Overview of the Indian Railway Sector Mr. Axel Schuppe , General Manager, Verband der Bahnindustrie in Deutschland e.V Mr. Brijesh Patel , Director, Indus Media Ms. Kristin Johannimloh - Mazars GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
08.45 - 10.00	Networking & B2B meetings

Audience & Participants

High level Indian Railway Board Representatives

Indian companies representatives participating at the InnoTrans Berlin.

German companies, members of the German Railway Industry Association (VDB e.V.)

Partners

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