GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4371 ANSWERED ON:26.08.2004 RAKESH MOHAN COMMITTEE Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway Tariff Regulatory Authority was created on the recommendations of Rakesh Mohan committee to set railway fares and freight charges;
- (b) if so, whether this regulatory body was to be guided only by commercial considerations in setting passenger fares and freight tariffs;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering a note to rescind the earlier decision to set up a regulatory authority for fares and freight; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Government had identified setting up of Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority as one of the Thrust Area items. Ministry of Railways is finding difficulty in implementing the decision and is approaching the Government for reconsideration.