

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:528
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2011
PALAKKAD RAIL COACH FACTORY
Rajesh Shri M. B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any steps to commence Palakkad Rail Coach Factory (RCF) in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have taken over the land made available by the Government of Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor; and
- (e) the time frame set for making the said RCF operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.528 BY SHRI M.B. RAJESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24-11-2011 REGARDING PALAKKAD RAIL COACH FACTORY

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Subsequent to announcement of this factory in Railway Budget speech for 2008-09, a proposal was framed to set up the factory at an estimated cost of Rs.1215 crores under JV/PPP mode for manufacture of 600 coaches per annum. Planning Commission had accorded 'in principle' approval and had appraised the project. Expanded Board for Railways had also commended the project. The land for this factory was to be given free of cost as per the earlier commitment by Government of Kerala. Government of Kerala later requested to consider the cost of land as state Govt's equity and indicated preference for formation of Public Sector Undertaking for this unit. Government of Kerala have also intimated terms & conditions of land lease if a Pvt. Sector/PSU Joint Venture partner is selected.

(c) Government of Kerala is yet to hand over the land to the Ministry of Railways.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The time frame to set up such projects is approximately 3 years from the date of award of contract.