GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:402 ANSWERED ON:09.08.2012 PRODUCTION OF RAIL COACHES Antony Shri Anto;Mani Shri Jose K.;Rajesh Shri M. B.;Sampath Shri Anirudhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirement of Rail Coaches in the country;

(b) the details of annual production of Rail Coaches in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether there is any import of Rail Coaches and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details and the present status of Rail Coach Factory project at Palakkad, Coaching Yard project at Nemom and coaching terminal at Kottayam; and

(e) the time frame set for completion of the said projects alongwith the funds allocated/spent thereon so far?

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. 402 BY ADV. A. SAMPATH, SHRI ANTO ANTONY, SHRI M.B. RAJESH AND SHRI JOSE K. MANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2012 REGARDING PRODUCTION OF RAIL COACHES

(a) : Assessment of requirement of coaches during a particular year is made on the basis of traffic targets fixed in consultation with Planning Commission. During 2012-13, Railways expect to carry 8740 million passengers for which an additional requirement of 4000 coaches has been projected.

(b): The details of annual production of Rail Coaches in the country during the last three years, year wise are as indicated below:-

Year 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 Production of 3494 3660 3637 Coaches

(c): There has been no import of rail Coaches during the last three years.

(d) :i. The project of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad has been sanctioned in the Railway Budget 2012-13 at an estimated cost of Rs. 550 crores (excluding cost of land). Ministry of Railways is laisoning with State Government of Kerala for acquisition of land from them. Process has been initiated for appointment of a consultant for Bid Process Management.

ii. The Coaching Yard project at Nemom and the Coaching Terminal Project at Kottayam are under survey which was ordered in April 2012.

(e):i. The project at Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad is likely to be completed in three years after award of contract and therefore, the question of allocation of funds at this stage does not arise.

ii. The time frame set for completion of the Coaching Yard project at Nemom and the Coaching Terminal Project at Kottayam alongwith the funds required will be known only after the survey is completed.