

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:198
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RAIL WAGON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of proposed Rail Wagon Construction Company, Cherthelai, Kerala;
- (b) whether the Railways have formed any company by merging Auto Caste, a public undertaking of Kerala Government; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no proposal for formation of Rail Wagon construction Company at Cherthelai, Kerala;
- (b)& (c) Action is being taken to form a Joint Venture Company under companies' Act 1956, between Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Government of Kerala (GoK) for manufacture of Railway coach & wagon components by utilizing the assets of Steel Industries Kerala Limited (SILK) and its subsidiary, M/s Autokast. The proposed Joint Venture Company shall be named Kerala Rail Components Limited. Ministry of Railways proposes to obtain approval of cabinet for formation of Joint Venture.