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Title: Need to obtain the approval of Planning Commission for modernization of Railway workshops at Hubli, Karnataka and make budgetary allocation for the same during the year 2006-07.

SHRI PRAHLAD JOSHI (DHARWAD NORTH): Sir, it is really encouraging that the Railway Board is set to modernize 10 workshops all over the country, Hubli workshop being one of them. Hubli workshop under SWR is one of the oldest workshops already having celebrated its centenary. It has become an inseparable part of thousands of people here whose families have rendered yeoman service in its functioning. The Railway Board has already agreed for its modernization at a cost of Rs.156 crore, and asked concerned GMs to send their detailed estimates and works to be carried out for integrated modernization. The SWR is understood to have sent its estimates of Rs.195 crore with the details of the works and now the Railway Board is to send the proposals for in principle approval of Planning Commission. I would like to urge upon this Government to get the approval of Planning Commission and make the budgetary allocation in 2007-08.

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