

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING OF RAILWAYS

**490. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
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DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved the organizational restructuring of the Indian Railways and if so, the details thereof including modalities and timeline;

(b) whether railways have put performance not seniority criteria for promotion and if so, whether senior officers of Indian Railways are not happy with this decision;

(c) whether Government is in the process of creating the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) by merging existing eight Group A services and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to conduct an exclusive examination for recruitment of officers of IRMS and if so, the details thereof;

(e) to what extent this step of corporatization of Indian Railways is likely to be helpful in efficient management of services, finance human resources and expenditure and the time by which the whole process is likely to be completed; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to reform the Indian Railway system and services?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) Cabinet has approved, inter alia, creation of a new Group 'A' Central Service called Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), merger of existing 8 organized services into IRMS and reorganization of Railway Board. The modalities will be finalized in consultation with DOP&T and approval of Alternative Mechanism.

(e) Corporatization of Production Units of Indian Railways, beginning with Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli has been envisaged. This is expected to give following benefits:

- (i) State-of-the-art technology and modernization**
- (ii) Managerial autonomy**
- (iii) Superior operational efficiency due to better management practices**
- (iv) Export capability**
- (v) Increase MSME business**
- (vi) Employment generation**
- (vii) Better benefits to employees**
- (viii) Making India an international hub for rolling stock manufacturing**
- (ix) Attract investments**

No time line can be indicated for corporatization of Production Units at this stage, prior to finalization of the framework of their corporatization.

(f) Steps being taken to reform Indian Railways, inter alia, include reorganization of Railway Board, creation of new single Group 'A' service of officers, delegation of administrative and financial powers to field units to enable delivery, modernization and induction of new technology etc.
