

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c)
Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Setting up of wagon factory at Manoharabad, Andhra Pradesh

3535. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a wagon factory with an expenditure of more than Rs. 1,600 crores is to be constructed at Manoharabad in Telangana area of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan proposed to be executed and by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Private investment in freight marketing

†3536. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways has held discussion with industrial sector with an aim to attract private investment in freight marketing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the outcomes of this discussion; and

(d) by when Government will take a decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two meetings were held with trade and industry on 12.11.2010 and 24.11.2010.

(c) and (d) The issues raised by industry are *inter-alia* criteria for calculation of freight rebate, period of freight rebate, permission for maintenance of rakes at private sidings, inclusion of joint

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ventures in eligibility criteria etc. The issues raised by industry in regard to 'Wagon Leasing Scheme' (WLS) are inter-alia to allow general pool wagons, one time registration, allow procurement and sale of wagons from/to all parties, exemption from payment of stabling charges and empty haulage charges. The Railways is actively pursuing with industry to invest in infrastructure to create a win-win situation for both.

Setting up of coach mid-life rehabilitation workshop

3537. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways proposes to set up a new Coach Mid-Life Rehabilitation (MLR) workshop in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the salient features of the said workshop;

(d) whether the location for setting up of new workshop has been identified;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the criteria fixed by Railways for selection of sites for such purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Assessment of coach Mid Life Rehabilitation (MLR) capacity in the country is a continuous process, in view of the ever changing coach population scenario. The existing and already planned MLR facilities over Indian Railways are considered adequate to meet the Railways requirement in this context. There is no proposal, at present, to plan for setting up any more new workshop for coach MLR, in addition to those under execution.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Site selection for setting up of Railway Workshop is done taking into account several factors such as requirement of rolling stock, operational needs, level of industrialization in the area, availability of land, support infrastructure in the area, principle of inclusive growth etc. Out of a number of potentially suitable sites, it is possible for Ministry of Railways to set up workshop only at limited number of places based on actual requirement.