

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

(b) The incoming and outgoing container business done by the depot, year-wise, for the last three years in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as under:

Year	Incoming (In TEUs)	Outgoing (In TEUs)	Total (In TEUs)
2013-14	2662	2626	5288
2014-15	3376	3477	6853
2015-16	3549	3455	7004

TEUs = Twenty Foot Equivalent Units.

(c) No, Sir. Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) has sought permission for handling of steel and pig iron consignment of M/s Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (in general wagons) which may not be presently permitted till the said container depot is converted into a Brownfield Private Freight Terminal (PFT). However, since the said Inland Container Depot is set on the Railway land, it can not be converted into a PFT as per the extant policy on the subject.

Rail coach facility at Ranchi

3498. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad, Kerala, sanctioned in the year 2012-13, has not taken off;

(b) whether Railways are aware that M/s Heavy Engineering Corporation, Jharkhand, a PSU, has huge infrastructure, including railway siding, water supply, housing, etc.; and

(c) if (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, whether Railways would put up a Rail Coach facility at Ranchi to make coaches of stainless steel and aluminium?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) New Rail Coach Factories are set up keeping in view the Railways' overall requirement of coaches *vis-à-vis* the available manufacturing capacity. At present, adequate coach building capacity is available in existing coach building units of Indian Railways and those existing in Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector. Thus, no new coach factory is contemplated to be built at Ranchi, Jharkhand.