## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1648

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2022/ AGRAHAYANA 30, 1944 (SAKA)

STATE-OF-THE-ART GREYHOUND TRAINING CENTRE IN VISAKHAPATNAM

1648 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed establishment of Greyhound Training Centre in Visakhapatnam district, if so, details thereof;

(b) the amount approved by Central Government for setting up a State-ofthe-art Greyhounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how much of approved amount has been released and utilised by the State Government;

(d) whether Central Government has agreed to fund the entire cost of land for the Training Centre if so, whether Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted location details to Central Government if so, the extent of land, cost, training capacity etc., details thereof; and

(e) reasons for delay in commencement of project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (c): As per Section 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act,

2014, Government had approved a proposal for setting up of State-of-the-

Art Greyhounds Training Centre in Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs.219.16

crore in April, 2018. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also released an

amount of Rs.9.08 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the project.

(d) & (e): In view of the difficulties faced by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in getting encumbrance free land for the project, in the Southern Zonal Council meeting held on 14.11.2021, it was recommended to fund the entire cost of land by the Central Government on the condition that 50% training slots are provided to agencies of the Government of India. Accordingly, Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified 385 acres of land in Jagannadhapuram Village, Anandapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh for the establishment of Greyhounds Training Centre and has submitted a revised proposal in October, 2022 with Rs.385 crore towards land cost and Rs.27.54 crore per annum towards operationalization cost and agreed for 50% of time slot of annual Greyhounds Training calendar to the Government of India Agencies.

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