

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.796
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

**FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VISAKHAPATNAM
RAILWAY ZONE HEADQUARTERS**

796 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has sanctioned any funds for the construction of the proposed South Coast Zone headquarters in Visakhapatnam, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways has approved detailed budget estimates for the construction of the new railway zone headquarters, details thereof;
- (c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has alienated compensatory land in favour of Railways in Mudisarlova area of Visakhapatnam, area of land etc;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the land in Mudisarlova is being considered for the South Coast Zonal headquarters; and
- (f) by when construction of railway Zonal headquarters will be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the new South Coast Railway Zone (SCoR) has been prepared. A work of "Setting up of South Coast Railways' Zone HQ" has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 106.89 Cr. An outlay of Rs. 10 Cr. has been provided for this work in 2023-24.

Mudasarlova is one of the locations suggested in the DPR for setting up of South Coast Railway zone headquarter. 52.2 Acre of land at Mudasarlova is to be handed over by Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)/Andhra Pradesh Government in lieu of railway land taken for Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) project. Government of Andhra Pradesh is yet to identify suitable 52.2 Acre land at Mudasarlova, Vishakhapatnam and hand it over to Railway.
