### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2518 ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

# DEVELOPMENT OF BITRAGUNTA RAILWAY LAND AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RAILWAYS

#### 2518. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that there are 701 acres of unused railway land in Bitragunta Railway station in SPS Nellore district;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Bitragunta Railway Land can be used for Ancillary Production Unit for Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, Aluminum Freight Wagon Manufacturing Unit and Solar Park for Electricity Generation etc, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government can enhance operational efficiency, reduce imports, and promote sustainability by using the Bitragunta Railway Station land, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Vacant Railway Land is utilised for creating infrastructure like multi tracking, freight terminals, workshops, etc for operational needs. The surplus vacant railway land which is not required for operational purpose in near future is entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority for commercial development. About 265.44 acres of vacant railway land is available at Bitragunta Railway Station. The vacant railway land at Bitragunta railway station has been kept reserved for future development.

Indian Railways' policy is to establish coach/loco/wagon manufacturing and maintenance units based on overall rolling stock requirement. Currently, existing and planned facilities are sufficient to cater the railway's rolling stock requirements. Solar rooftop plant of 30 KWP capacity is operational at Bitragunta railway station.

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