

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.809
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

SEPARATE RAILWAY ZONE FOR KERALA

809. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of a separate railway zone for Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the present status of starting a coach factory at Kanjikode, Palaghart district in Kerala;**
- (d) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any request in this regard; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The work of setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad in Kerala was sanctioned in the Railway Budget 2012-13 in Joint Venture/ Public- Private Partnership (JV/PPP) mode. Railways is in process of assessing the requirement of coaches in view of factors like signalling, capacity enhancement, life of coaches, etc. Further decision about coach factory can be taken after this exercise is over.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. References have been received in 2018 from Government of Kerala, for setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad.

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