

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3529  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

**CONVERSION OF EXISTING DIESEL LOCO SHED**

**3529. SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study regarding the conversion of the existing diesel loco shed at Ernakulum Junction Railway Station to an electric loco shed, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has noticed any inconvenience to the passengers or the railway staff due to the delay in the conversion;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government has taken adequate measures to mitigate any negative impact of the conversion process;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure the safety of the railway staff who are likely to be engaged in the electric loco shed after the conversion process is completed, if so, the details in this regard;**
- (e) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to ensure that the conversion is completed within the stipulated time-frame, if so, the steps taken in this regard;**
- (f) whether the Government has allocated sufficient funds for the conversion process and whether the allocated funds are being utilized effectively; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND**

**ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3529 BY SHRI HIBI EDEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING CONVERSION OF EXISTING DIESEL LOCO SHED**

**(a): Creation of infrastructure at Diesel Loco Shed, Ernakulam for homing electric locos has been taken up based on policy to home electric locomotives in existing diesel locomotives shed by creating necessary infrastructure.**

**(b) to (d) : No inconvenience is caused to the passengers. Efforts are being taken to cause no such inconvenience to railway staff in the conversion process.**

**Adequate training is being imparted to railway staff for maintenance of electric locomotives.**

**(e): Yes, Sir.**

**For creation of infrastructure to maintain electric locomotives in diesel locomotive sheds, works have been planned for sanction.**

**(f) & (g): Yes, Sir.**

**Funds allocated for creation of infrastructure at diesel locos sheds of Southern Railway for homing electric locos is given below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funds allocated in Crores of ₹</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.1</b>

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