

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3426  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**MODERNISATION OF WORKSHOPS**

**†3426. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to shut down the Central Organisation for Modernisation of Workshops (COFMOW) which has contributed significantly in modernisation of workshops in the rail network of India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the issuance and opening of tenders by COFMOW has also been stopped; and**
- (d) if so, the details of the other organisation for replacement of COFMOW for the purpose of tenders?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) COFMOW has been procuring Machinery & Plant for maintenance of rolling stock & other workshops. It has been observed that the machines are required to be procured & maintained in a decentralized manner. Therefore, the procurement of machines required for such maintenance has been decentralized. The need for a centralized organization is not felt anymore so COFMOW is being wound up in a gradual manner.**

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