GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1742 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

DEMOLITION OF RAILWAY STAFF QUARTERS

1742. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether authorities of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) have demolished 494 railway staff quarters which were merely 30 to 40 years old;

(b) if so, whether attachments from demolished quarters such as doors, windows, grills and other fastenings were recovered before demolition;

(c) if not, whether items worth crores of rupees were stolen without a single FIR filed with the police;

(d) whether despite numerous staff quarters being vacant in CLW, Chittaranjan, 250 new staff quarters were constructed in the year 2019, if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether the number of railway workers in CLW has drastically reduced to less than half in the year 2023 as compared to 1980; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to investigate irregularities prevailing in CLW including demolition of staff quarters and construction of unwanted new quarters that has resulted in wastage of tax payer's money?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1742 BY DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING DEMOLITION OF RAILWAY STAFF QUARTERS

(a) to (f): Total 617 nos. unsafe/ uninhabitable vacant staff quarters of about 50-65 years age in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) were identified for demolition out of which about 510 staff quarters have been demolished till date. All serviceable fittings like doors, windows, grills, etc. of the demolished quarters were removed by the railway officials to utilize subsequently in maintenance of other staff quarters. Total 250 nos. new staff quarters were constructed in CLW in different phases in lieu of the old barrack type /unsafe quarters which have been allotted to eligible staff as per demand/option of staff. No irregularity has been observed in dismantling of old dilapidated quarter and construction of new staff quarters.

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