GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1698 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021

RESTRUCTURING PLAN

1698. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is heading for a major restructuring plan that could lead to the closure of major establishments, merger of decades old organisations and private participation in running of its schools and hospitals, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a recommendation envisages winding up of many organisations working under Railways;
- (c) if so, whether the coach factories, locomotive manufacturing units, rail wheel units, etc. would be transferred to the proposed Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) and (b) Reforms and restructuring as per operational needs is an ongoing exercise in Ministry of Railways to keep the organization efficient, responsive and financially viable. Earlier in 2020, the number of Members of Railway Board were reduced from 08 to 04. Recently, Indian Railway Organization for Alternate Fuel (IROAF) has been closed down on 07.09.2021 while a decision has also been taken for closure of Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) on 18.10.2021.
- (c) No such decision in this regard has been taken by the Ministry of Railways.
- (d) Does not arise.