

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

MANUFACTURE OF ALUMINIUM COACHES

3329. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 236 acres of land acquired more than a decade ago for the manufacture of fuel efficient light weight aluminium coaches at Kanjikode in Palakkad district of Kerala under public private participation, is still lying vacant and unutilized and if so, the facts and reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether this project which is under PRAGATI is likely to be moved to Gati Shakti to expedite the same and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Railways is considering to utilise this land either for its principle objective or for any other railway project;**
- (d) if so, whether Railways has received many representations to expedite the project on the said acquired land; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3329 BY SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN TO BE
ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING
MANUFACTURE OF ALUMINIUM COACHES**

(a) The work of land acquisition and preliminary works in Palakkad has been sanctioned in 2012-13. Railways has purchased 228.85 acres of land from Govt of Kerala in 2012 and completed the preliminary works.

Another work of setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad in Kerala was sanctioned in the Railway Budget 2012-13 in JV/PPP mode. However, a pre-requisite to setting up such projects is a sustained demand of coaches in the future. The requirement of coaches vis-à-vis available manufacturing capacity has been reviewed. The requirement of main line coaches in near future does not justify immediately initiating construction of a new coach factory.

(b) and (c) : Do not arise

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The representations in this regard have been received as follows:

- From General Manager/Southern Railway vide letter dated 23.04.2018.**
- From Hon'ble Chief Minister, Kerala vide letter dated 14.06.2018.**
- From Chairman, Administrative Reforms Commission Member, Kerala Legislative Assembly vide letter dated 21.06.2018.**
- From PS/MoS (IC) for Tourism & Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology vide letter dated 05.03.2018.**
- From an Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) vide letter dated 18.03.2018.**

However, adequate capacity of coach production in Indian Railways exists for meeting the present demand and that in near future, immediate start of a new coach factory is not contemplated.