GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025

MULTI MODEL TRANSPORT OF RAILWAYS

593. SHRI SUBBARAYAN K: COM. SELVARAJ V:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has invested huge sums of money to modernize container transport and cut costs during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds invested in such sectors during the last five years;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the investments have not cut down cost in multi-modal transport of railway and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to audit such investments and fix accountability?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a PSU under the Indian Railways, owns and operates container trains. During the last 5 years, about Rs.3278.00 Crores were invested by CONCOR

towards capital expenditure mainly on, acquisition of specialised heavy-duty containers, higher capacity container rakes, modern container handling equipment, development/expansion of container terminals, IT infrastructure, etc.

The investments made in the container segment have resulted in reduction in first mile and last mile handling costs and transit time, and the introduction of double stack container rakes has further contributed to reduction in overall logistics cost.

The audit of Financial Statements of CONCOR is carried out by CAG appointed statutory auditors as per the laid down procedures.
