

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016**

RAILWAY COACH FACTORY AT PALAKKAD

1690. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has dropped the proposed coach factory project at Palakkad;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) if not, the present status of the project along with the road map for time bound completion; and**
- (d) whether the Railways has approached any central PSU for joint venture and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) No, Madam.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) Setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad has been sanctioned under Public Private Partnership (PPP). Land for the project has been purchased by Railways from Govt. of Kerala. Tendering process for this factory has failed once on account of receiving no bidders at Request for Qualification (RFQ) stage. In the meantime, additional capacity has been created at in-house production units of Indian Railways. Thus, existing coach manufacturing capacity is being reviewed vis a vis the projected level of coach requirement over next 10 years.**
- (d) No, Madam.**