

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4160
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RETENTION OF TIRUCHI-KARAIKUDI MG RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the `Goldenrock Workshop` in Tiruchi (Tamil Nadu) which has placed a pivotal role in the maintenance of metre gauge locomotives coaches and wagons in southern India, is likely to be cut off from the entire metre gauge net work;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Southern Railway has requested to Railway Board to return the Tiruchi-Karaikudi section, the only metre gauge line to the Goldenrock workshop; and
- (d) if so, the details and response of railway board thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) & (b): The gauge conversion of Trichy-Karaikudi-Manamadurai Metre Gauge (MG) line to Broad Gauge (BG) has been taken up. After conversion, the MG connection to Golden Rock Workshop will not be there with the MG network.
- (c): Yes, Sir. Southern Railway had made a reference in regard to retaining MG line on Trichy-Karaikudi section.
- (d): It has been decided to convert the section from Trichy to Karaikudi. MG locos and coaches would be loaded into BG BFRs for transportation to/from workshop.