

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP A RAILWAY MANUFACTURING UNIT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) is setting up a railway manufacturing unit at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF) ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether BEML is shifting the entire railway related production centre to KGF from its primary base at Bangalore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) is establishing Railway Unit-II at Kolar Gold Fields (KGF). BEML has taken over in 2004, two workshops with railway siding along with 1109 acre of land on lease basis from Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), a closed Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Mines. This land and workshops of BGML are adjacent to the factory area of BEML at KGF. These workshops with railway siding were earlier used by BGML for manufacturing railway wagons to a smaller extent. BEML is upgrading facilities in these workshops for manufacturing wagons and coaches for supply to cater to the needs of Defence and Indian Railways.

BEML Rail Coach Factory at Bangalore is being upgraded as a Metro Coaches manufacturing facility. BEML has recently supplied 180 Metro Coaches to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and is now further upgrading the infrastructure at Bangalore Complex for manufacturing Metro Coaches for broad gauge, standard gauge and light rail train. Primary objective and reason for shifting the existing facilities for manufacturing wagons and coaches from Bangalore Complex to KGF is purely on account of paucity of space and facilities at Bangalore Complex. The furnishing of coaches and wagons, however, will continue to be carried out at Bangalore Complex.