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Title : Need to accord approval for setting up of Railway Coach Factory at Palakkad, Kerala.

SHRI P.C. CHACKO (THRISSUR): In the Railway Budget 2008-09, it was announced that a coach factory to manufacture Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design fabricated bodies for passenger coaches to meet the requirements in future will be established at Palakkad. The State Government of Kerala have agreed to give required land free of cost and issued notification for acquisition of the land at Palakkad. The Railway officials who visited the site recently have opined that 429 acres of land is sufficient for the project. Out of the 429 acres of land 235.55 acres of land is already under the custody of District Collector, Palakkad and the same can be taken over by the Railways at any time. The land including acquisition of 99 acres of land will be completed expeditiously and handed over according to the schedule of Railway authorities. It is requested that the matter may be expedited and the work may be started immediately.