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Title: Need to expedite the setting up of Palakkad Rail Coach Factory in Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): In the last rail budget it was announced that a Coach factory will be set up in Palakkad. Though several months have elapsed since the announcement in the budget, railway has not taken any initiative to start the work of Coach factory. The Coach factory is a long pending demand. It was first announced in 1980 and after so many years as a compensation to the bifurcation of Palakkad railway Division coach factory was again offered to Palakkad. The Government of Kerala has already made available the land (430 acres) as required by railways. The State Government has also taken steps to provide electricity and other infrastructural requirements. I urge upon the Government of India and the railways to expedite the work of Palakkad coach factory and keep the promise given to the people of Kerala.