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Title: Regarding delay in setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad in Kerala.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to a serious issue regarding the indefinite delay in the implementation of rail coach factory project in Palakkad. Palakkad rail coach factory was announced along with Rail Coach Factory, Raebareli in the Rail Budget of 2008-09. However, Rail Coach Factory, Raebareli has already started production and implementation of Palakkad coach factory is still being delayed.

The Government of Kerala had handed over the requisite land to the Railways free of charge. The earlier Government of Kerala also had made all arrangements. The foundation stone laying ceremony was held a year ago. The then Railway Minister had assured that the Rail Coach Factory project will be implemented in a time-bound manner, that global tender will be called within six months and a joint venture company will be formed. However, almost a year has passed since then but the Government has done nothing. This is a long-pending and genuine demand of the people of Kerala. This Government has betrayed the people of Kerala by not implementing this project. I would like to urge the Government to keep its word and fulfill the promise it made to the people of Kerala. This is a discrimination against Kerala. This is happening time and again with regard to each and every project related to Kerala. This is a matter of serious concern. I would urge the Government to give an assurance that the rail coach factory project in Palakkad will be implemented soon in a time-bound manner. There should be an assurance from the Government that this project will be implemented in a time-bound manner.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Shri P. T. Thomas,

Shri P.L. Punia and

Shri P.K. Biju are allowed to associate with the issue raised by Shri M.B. Rajesh.