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Title: Need to expedite completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit of Integral Coach factory, Perambur, Chennai.

\*SHRI P. LINGAM (TENKASI) :Hon'ble Madam Speaker, It was announced in the Railway Budget 2011-2012 that second unit of Integral Coach Factory(ICF), Perambur, Chennai will be established to expand railway's services in our country and to manufacture good quality coaches. But, this second unit of Integral Coach Factory has not been established till today. Many coaches in trains are not properly maintained. Rats and bedbugs that are present in coaches cause inconvenience to passengers. Moreover, people like to have new trains and new services from the railways. At this juncture, the non establishment of Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Chennai, as announced in the Railway Budget 2011-2012, is really disheartening.

Madam, the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Chennai is the best of its kind. The coaches that are manufactured in the Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Chennai are of the best quality. In this way, this coach factory's performance is the most outstanding among the thirteen coach factories of the country.

Even then, the second unit of the factory at Chennai, has not been established. Manufacturing process in this unit did not take place. It is really disappointing. Madam, last year, one thousand five hundred and twenty four coaches were manufactured at Integral Coach Factory, Perambur, Chennai. Earlier, sixteen thousand employees had worked in the manufacture of one thousand coaches. But now, only eleven thousand employees had worked in the manufacture of one thousand five hundred and twenty four coaches. There is shortage of staff in this Integral Coach Factory at Chennai. The employees are overloaded now. They have been forced into this situation. Their trade union rights are denied. Minority trade unions are not recognized.

Therefore, Madam, through this House, I would like to request the Union Government and the Ministry of Railways that the second unit of Integral Coach

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Factory at Perambur, Chennai, as announced in the Railway Budget 2011-2012, had to be established without further delay. The employees working at the factory have to be given all kinds of trade union rights. The problem of shortage of staff needs to be addressed. The grievances of employees have to be looked after. I also request that the railway service of the country has to be upgraded and expanded as per the needs of passengers and in such a way to provide them comfortable journey. Madam, once again, I request the Ministry of Railways to look into these issues.