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Title: Regarding setting up of Integrated Coach Factory for aluminium-bodied trains in Odisha -laid.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The Government has decided to roll out high speed aluminium-bodied 'Train 20' train sets by 2020. The State Government is keen to set up the Integrated Coach Factory for these trains in the State of Odisha as the State is the largest producer of aluminium and houses about 56 per cent of the smelting capacity of the country. The State Government is developing a dedicated Aluminium Park, where molten aluminium can be directly obtained from the smelter of NALCO for the manufacturing of the train sets. In view of this unique advantage in the State, the production costs for the coaches could come down substantially through use of committed feedstock from the mother plant in the immediate vicinity. The State has also identified downstream and ancillary units in metal sector as one of the 5 focus sectors and the State Government is committed to provide unmatched facilitation support to manufacturing investments in the State. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider setting up of the Integrated Coach Factory for aluminium bodied trains sets in Odisha only.