

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6042
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PURCHASE OF WAGONS
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any recommendation of Parliamentary Committee that 75 per cent requirement of wagons should be purchased through Wagon India Limited and rest through tenders;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are now purchasing the total requirement of wagons through tenders;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total number of wagons thus purchased through tenders during the last three years and the value thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. Standing Committee on Railways in their XIIth Report on procurement of wagons by Railways had recommended that orders for 75% of the wagons requirement of the Railways should be placed with the wagon Industry directly (without tenders) from members of Wagon India Limited.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. Ministry of Railways are resorting to 100% procurement of wagons through tender since the orders placed for manufacture during 98-99 to bring in openness, competitiveness, transparency and efficiency in procurement thereby saving cost to the Railways. The House was informed of this decision of the Government to procure 100% quantity through tender on 14.8.97 during discussions on this Ministry's supplementary Demands for Grants. This decision was also conveyed to the Standing Committee on Railways by Action Taken Note submitted to the Standing Committee in January,98.

(d) Wagon orders placed through tenders during last three years as under :-

Year	Wagons (Four Wheeler Units)	Value (In Crores) #
1998-99	21927.5	472
1999-2000	10365	242
2000-01	21000	418

excluding free supply items.