GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7694
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
PURCHASE OF T CRANES
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 140 T cranes purchased by the Railways from M/s Gottwald of Germany;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the utility of 140T Cranes in the Railways;

(d) the number of Cranes manufactured indigenously after receiving the technology; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to manufacture State-of-the Art Cranes indigenously to save the country`s foreign reserve?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7694 BY SH VENKATESH NAIK, SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR AND SHRI ASHOK N. MOHOL TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.5.2002 REGA PURCHASE OF 140T CRANES.

(a) Indian Railways have purchased 12 cranes against an order placed in 1984 and 8 Nos. against the order placed in 1997 from M/s Mannesmann Gottwald, Germany.

(b) The Free on Board (FOB) value for the 12 Nos. cranes (6 Nos. fully assembled, 3 Nos. in Partially Knocked Down Condition and 3 sets in partial kit form) ordered in 1984 was Deutsche Marks 29,182,400 (Rs. 11.42 crore). The landed cost of these cranes came to Rs. 27.88 crore.

The FOB value of the 8 Nos. cranes procured against the order of 1997 was Deutsche Marks 24,905,184.20 (Rs. 59 crore approx.). Landed cost of these cranes is Rs. 94 crore approx.

(c) These cranes form part of a Accident Relief Train and are utilized for lifting of coaches, wagons and locomotives involved in accidents during restoration and salvage operations.

(d) So far, four cranes have already been manufactured in the Railway Workshops and six more cranes are in advanced stage of manufacture during 2002-2003.

(e) The state-of-the-art ART cranes are under manufacture in the Railway Workshops in a phased program using technology offered from M/s Gottwald of Germany and M/s Cowans Sheldon of UK.