

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7126  
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OPERATION OF OLD STEAM ENGINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway Board has funded the project on the Technology Transfer of Oil Fired Steam Engines to run the old type of steam engines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its cost effectiveness;
- (c) whether it is profitable when compared to the Diesel and Electric Locos;
- (d) whether the old steam engines have been disposed of as scrap; and
- (e) if not, how these old steam engines are proposed to be disposed of?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. The diesel and electric locomotives have better technologies than steam locomotives and are cheaper to run than steam locomotives.

(d) Yes, Sir. Earlier due to the replacement of steam locos with diesel & electric locomotives, the steam engines were disposed off as scrap. However, some steam locomotives have been left.

(e) The remaining steam locomotives will not disposed off as scrap. They will be preserved for posterity.