

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2446
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CONCRETE SLEEPER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced in the Railway Budget (2005-06) regarding setting up new concrete railway sleeper plants at different places of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the implementation of such projects so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While introducing the last Railway Budget, Minister for Railways had mentioned that Railway has decided to set up 12 new concrete sleeper plants in the country to remove mismatch between the production capacity and the requirement and to avoid long-distance transportation of concrete sleepers. Chak Sikander, Dauram Madhepura, Sitamarhi, Palghat and Harihar are the five locations specifically mentioned in the Budget Speech where new sleeper plants are planned to be set up.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Open tenders for setting up new concrete sleeper plants as planned including those at Chak Sikander (East Central Railway), Dauram Madhepura (East Central Railway), Sitamarhi (East Central Railway), Palghat (Southern Railway), Harihar (South Western Railway), Sultanpur (Northern Railway), Dhilwan (Northern Railway), Kathua (Northern Railway), Aunrihar (North Eastern Railway), Mandagere (South Western Railway), Yelahanka (South Western Railway), Bhanga (North East Frontier Railway), Wena (East Central Railway), Bitragunta (South Central Railway) and Roza (Northern Railway) have been invited. Total two tenders have been invited for this purpose. One was opened on 14-3-2005 and the other on 29-11-2005. Tenders are under consideration of Ministry of Railways.

(e) Not applicable.