

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF EQUIPMENTS IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of engines, wheels, axles and coaches have continued to fall short of Railways' requirements;
- (a) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the annual requirements of Railways of each of these items;
- (d) whether the demand projected by Railways during the 10th Plan period for the above equipment will be met by the two Coach manufacturing Units of Railways, considering the growth in traffic; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Railways to meet the demand?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. Railway's Production Units have generally been exceeding their targets set by the Ministry of Railways, based on Plan forecasts. However, a shortage of Locos, Coaches, Wheels and Axles is now anticipated due to recent spurt in traffic demand.
- (c) Requirements for the current year (2006-07), are as under:

Diesel Engine (Locomotives)	150
Electric Engine (Locomotives)	150
Coaches	2821
Wheels	2,25,000
Axles	69,000

- (d) Yes, Sir. However, in respect of EMUs (Electrical Multiple Units) for Suburban Services, there is likely to be a shortfall during the 10th five year plan period. This is being balanced by higher acquisition of other coach types, so that the total number of coaches acquired are equal to, if not more than, the Plan targets.
- (e) Works have also been sanctioned for augmenting capacity of RCF (Rail Coach Factory) & ICF (Integral Coach Factory) from 1000 coaches per year to 1400 coaches & 1500 coaches per year respectively, to meet increase in forecasted demand. Works have also been sanctioned to enhance EMU building capability at ICF.