

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND OF LOCOMOTIVES COACHES AND WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage private sector to invest in manufacturing of rolling stock locomotives with latest technology available and expanding railway network to strengthen the existing routes and reaching new destinations ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken to meet the increasing demand of locomotives and coaches and wagons ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) To meet anticipated increase in demand of traffic, all organizational and functional structures and avenues for rolling stock manufacture are to be explored in setting up new units. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited has been set up to enlist investment from non-budgetary sources for strengthening of identified routes and new lines etc.

(c) The Ministry of Railways have taken a number of measures to meet the increase in demand of Rolling Stock :

(i) Works have been approved to increase production capacities in its Locomotives & Coach building production units at Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW), Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), Integral Coach Factory (ICF) & Rail Coach Factory (RCF).

(ii) Approvals have been taken to set up a new coach factory for manufacture of 1000 coaches per year and a Diesel Locomotive factory to manufacture 150 Locomotives per year.

(iii) With respect to wagons, the production capacity in the country is mainly in the private sector, where market forces seem to determine capacity.