

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF STATE OF ART LOCOS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has drawn a long term plan to export state of the art locos;
- (b) if so the names of country identified for export of such locos;
- (c) whether the Indian Railways has started the production of state of the art locos ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the production cost of the said locos; and
- (f) the number of such locos produced by the Indian Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Indian Railways are exporting all types of Rolling Stock, including state-of-art diesel and electric locomotives through their marketing wing namely RITES and IRCON. As this is to be achieved through participation in international competitive bidding, it is not possible to draw a long term plan to identify names of countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f): 3 high horse power WDG4 locomotives were manufactured during 2001-02 by Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi. Another 25 diesel locos of this type are planned for manufacture during 2002- 03. As per the Budget Estimate 2002-03, the estimated cost is Rs. 12.75 crores per locomotive. Similarly, 3 WAP5, 4 WAP7, 27 WAG9 electric locomotives were manufactured up to 2001-02 at Chittaranjan locomotives Works. Another 25 electric locos of these types are planned for manufacture during 2002-03. Average cost of manufacture of electric locomotives ranged from Rs.21.41 crores in 1998-99 to Rs.13.65 crores in 2001-02.