

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4769
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PROCUREMENT OF WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways approved in September 1995 procurement of 18,400 Nos.(FWUS) of wagons during the year 1996-97 with the direction that 50 percent of the quantity should be procured through tender and balance through M/s.Wagon India Ltd.;
- (b) whether the Railway Board invited limited tender on 25.9.1995 for procurement of 9,200 FWUS for 1996-97 and tender was opened on 03.11.1995;
- (c) whether the audit observation was specific to a particular tender which if finalised on time could have resulted in a saving of Rs.12.88 crore to the Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d) Railways achieved the target of 22000 wagons set for the year 1996-97 by acquiring 22185 wagons in terms of four wheeler units (FWUs) during that year. Thus the question of any extra expenditure due to delay in procurement against 1996-97 tender does not arise. Supplies against the particular tender were taken in the year 1997-98 at the then prevailing prices and the difference between estimated and actual expenditure was due to escalation in prices during intervening period.