

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2432  
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003  
PURCHASE OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether new diesel locomotives were purchased from General Motors, US at cost of Rs. 1100 crores alongwith technology transfer for use at Pune-Guntakal-Reningunta route;
- (b) whether after the purchase, a proposal for electrification of this route was considered against technical objections from the Railway Board;
- (c) if so, the objections raised by Railway Board against electrification of this route;
- (d) whether the diesel locos purchased from GM are presently used for Iron Ore haul from Hospet to Reningunta; and
- (e) if so, reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2432 BY VINAY KUMAR SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.3.2003 REGARDING PURCHASE OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES.

(a) 31 diesel locomotives were imported from M/s General Motors Corporation/USA at a total landed cost of Rs. 498 crores (approx.) with simultaneous transfer of technology (TOT) for their indigenous manufacture at DLW at a cost of US \$ 19 million. These locomotives are versatile and can be deployed on any section on Indian Railways. Pune-Guntakal-Reningunta is one of the nominated sections for running these locomotives.

(b) & (c) The electrification of Reningunta to Guntakal section is already sanctioned and the work is in progress on Reningunta- Nandalur section. The proposal for electrification of Pune-Guntakal is presently under process and final decision is yet to be taken.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. These locomotives are presently based for maintenance in Hubli Diesel shed. They are therefore deployed for hauling both freight and express trains on sections around the Hubli shed including the Hospet Reningunta section. The superior load haulability of these locomotives also makes them suitable for deployment on this heavily graded section for hauling iron ore traffic.