

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the required demand of wagons during this year;
- (b) the order placed so far for the new purchase of wagons ; and
- (c) the reasons for not stipulating the provisions made in the Budget?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND ARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c) Requirement of wagons is a need based activity which is dependent upon targeted freight traffic for the year and availability of funds. For the year 2001-02, a budgetary provision for acquisition of 23000 wagons in terms of four wheeler units (FWUs) has been made, out of which 17000 FWUs are to be acquired under Railways' own resources whereas remaining 6000 FWUs are to be acquired under Own Your Wagon Scheme (OYWS)/Build-On-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Scheme. At present there is no demand under OYWS/BOLT. Wagon industry has an outstanding workload of about 10000 FWUs as on 01.4.2001 including 2460 FWUs ordered under +30% option clause against 2000-01 contracts. Another 2000 FWUs has been ordered on Railway workshops.

Further ordering out of 17000 FWUs for the year is under consideration. There is no reduction in wagon procurement plan vis-à-vis budget provisions.