

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:142
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
RAILWAY ACCIDENT RELIEF CRANES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Railway Accident Relief Cranes in service and operational at present, zone-wise;
- (b) whether all such Cranes are imported or indigenous; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government propose to make up the shortfall?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 142 BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2000 REGARDING RAILWAY ACCIDENT RELIEF CRANES.

(a) At the moment, Indian Railways has 79 nos. Accident Relief Cranes on its BG system and 47 nos. of Steam Cranes on MG System. This excludes the one no. 140 Tonne Crane available with Konkan Railway Corporation. A statement indicating the number of Cranes of different capacities presently in operation on various Zonal Railways is given below :

NUMBER OF ACCIDENT RELIEF CRANES AVAILABLE ON INDIAN RAILWAYS

RAILWAY	CRANES			
	140 TONNE DIESEL	120 TONNE DIESEL	BG STEAM	MG STEAM
CENTRAL	4	0	6	0
EASTERN	5	2	2	0
NORTHERN	4	1	7	5
NORTH EASTERN	1	0	1	10
NORTHEAST FRONTIER	3	0	3	7
SOUTHERN	2	0	4	8
SOUTH CENTRAL	4	0	6	6
SOUTH EASTERN	6	3	5	0
WESTERN	4	0	6	11
TOTAL	33	6	40	47

(b) Out of 126 Cranes, 31 Nos. 140 Tonne and 6 Nos. 120 Tonne Diesel Hydraulic Breakdown Cranes are imported, while the steam Cranes and 2 Nos. 140 Tonne Diesel Hydraulic Breakdown Cranes are indigenous.

(c) Presently, there is no shortfall of Cranes on Indian Railways. However, more of 140 T high capacity cranes are being progressively inducted to phase out low capacity steam cranes depending upon need and availability of funds.