

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF RAIL GRINDING MACHINES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have imported Rail Grinds Machines from U.S.A. to increase the railways services period, save fuel, maintenance of wagons and coaches and to grind rail lines;
- (b) If so, whether these grinds machines are giving results as per the expectations;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) The action taken against the guilty officials who take such decisions to import these machines involving huge investment?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir one 16 stone Rail grinding Machine was procured from a firm in U.S.A. and commissioned on Indian Railways in April, 1990. In this first attempt of the Indian Railways to adopt rail grinding technology, valuable, experience, has been gained about the practice of this technology and its contribution towards extending rail life. Based on experience gained, procurement of a high output 72 stone machine is contemplated to fully reap the benefits of rail grinding technology.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.