

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLE DECKER WAGONS FOR FREIGHT MOVEMENT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce double decker stainless steel and aluminium alloy freight trains for freight movement;
- (b) if so, whether these wagons are being manufactured indigenously;
- (c) if not, whether these are being imported;
- (d) if so, the details of the number and the countries from which these wagons are to be imported and the financial implications are involved; and
- (e) the names of the countries where the double decker wagons are in use and how far these are suitable, cost effective and quick for movement of goods?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir. At present there is no proposal under consideration to introduce double decker stainless steel and double decker aluminium freight trains for freight movement.
- (b) to (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Double decker wagons are being utilized for transportation of auto cars in United States of America. Double decker wagon can carry more cars as compared to conventional wagon and therefore it is cost effective.