

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPERTS OPINE ON IMPORTED ITEMS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether experts could not opine properly in regard to import of railway coaches, transformers, railway engines and cranes;
- (b) if so, whether this has caused a huge losses to the Railways;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have ascertained the reasons for the failure of these imported equipments; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) No, Sir. All cases of import of equipment and rolling stock are carefully scrutinized at different stages and the decision to import any item is taken after ascertaining economic and technical viability.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) & (d) Whenever any newly imported equipment and rolling stock is inducted to work under Indian conditions, sometimes teething troubles do occur during the initial period of induction. These problems are, however, solved with the active cooperation of the vendors usually under warranty obligations and by organizing extensive training of personnel dealing with such equipment or rolling stock.