

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FAILURE OF LOCOS ON LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to improper maintenance of engines there has been failure of locos on line;
- (b) if so, the number of locos failed in each of the last three years and were the failures enquired into; and
- (c) the measures taken to ensure that no loco put on line without satisfying its being in perfect order?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Indian Railways have a well established system of preventive maintenance to ensure reliable performance of locos. However, some loco failures do take place for a variety of reasons such as material failure, bad workmanship, mishandling by crew, quality of manufacture and inadequacies of design etc. Loco failures in terms of number of cases per month for the last 3 years are given below:

Year No. of cases/100 % improvement over last year
 loco/month

	Diesel	Electric	Diesel	Electric
2000-01		14.4	15.6	-
2001-02		12.6	12.7	12.5
2002-03		11.5	12.4	8.7

(c) Indian Railways have a comprehensive preventive schedule for the maintenance of locos in sheds and shops. In addition, every failure is properly investigated and appropriate corrective action taken.