

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are exporting locomotives to foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the number of locomotives exported during the last three years, country-wise;
- (c) the total foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to export more locomotives?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir. However, Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Railways namely RITES Ltd. and IRCON International Ltd. are exporting/leasing locomotives abroad.
- (b): RITES has supplied 5 locomotives to Vietnam and 3 locomotives to Bangladesh during 2003-04 and 4 locomotives to Sudan in 2004-05. IRCON International Ltd. has temporarily exported Metre Gauge (MG) locomotives to Malaysia on lease-cum-maintenance basis during the last three years. Presently, IRCON International Ltd. has 25 MG locomotives working in Malaysia.
- (c): RITES Ltd. and IRCON International Ltd. have earned foreign exchange of US\$ 3.13 million and US\$ 19.9 million respectively during the last three years.
- (d): Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Railways are exploring international market for exporting more locomotives.