

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2248
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PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY
Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average annual requirement of power to the Railways;
- (b) whether railways has been purchasing electricity from the Electricity Boards of various States;
- (c) if so, the rate at which the electricity is purchased;
- (d) whether the rate is more than the cost of generation of electricity;
- (e) if so, whether the issue of bringing down the said rate has been taken up with the Electricity Boards; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Electricity Boards in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Railways have consumed about 9500 Million Kilowatt Hours (kWh) for traction purpose during 2003-04.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): Rs. 4.28 per unit (average).
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): Yes, Sir. After setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) whenever any tariff revision proposals is submitted by SERCs, Zonal Railways make representation before the SERCs and plead for reduction in traction tariff.
- (f): There has been a reduction in traction tariff in respect of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and M/s. TATA during the current financial year till date.