

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSOURCING OF VARIOUS ITEMS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many items for production of coaches/bogies have been outsourced to private companies by Integrated coach factory;
- (b) if so, whether integrated coach factory is not in a position to produce such items;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the items outsourced to the private companies?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS( SHRIR. VELU )

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Some of the items outsourced were being made in Integral Coach Factory (ICF) at some stage or the other in the past while others are those where either the process or the design change has been adopted for improving quality and productivity.
- (c) Outsourcing is done to bridge the gap between production capacity including that with incentive working vis-a-vis requirement for the production target.
- (d) Some of the items outsourced include berths for the coaches, Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) modular toilets, partition frames, cold rolled formed sole bars, cant rails and trough floor, bogie frames, control cubicle, brackets for mounting seats and berths, luggage racks etc.