

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1227

ANSWERED ON:10.03.2005

USE OF Z SECTION STEEL IN FABRICATION OF WAGONS

Mane Smt. Nivedita,Vijay Krishna Shri

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway is using Z section steel in fabrication of almost all types of wagons;
- (b) if so, the details of the contract entered into with the steel manufacturers during 2000, 2001 and 2002 alongwith the rates thereof;
- (c) whether the Railway stores, Kolkata failed to procure the quantity entered into contract with the steel manufacturers;
- (d) if so, the details of the orders released during the said period alongwith the rates thereof;
- (e) the reasons for not procuring the contract quantity of Z section steel during the said period;
- (f) the amount of revenue loss to the Railways as a result thereof; and
- (g) the action taken against the officials responsible for such loss to the Railways?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1227 BY SHRI VIJOY KRISHNA AND SHRIMATI NIVEDITA MANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.3.2005 REGARDING USE OF Z SECTION STEEL IN FABRICATION OF WAGONS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Indian Iron and Steel Company, Kolkata, a Public Sector Undertaking, is the only manufacturer of 'Z' Sections in the country. Details of contract finalised on M/s. Indian Iron and Steel Company, Kolkata, order released by Railway Stores, Kolkata are as under:

Sl.No.            YEAR    Quantity (Metric Tonnes.)    Rates (Rupees per Metric Tonne)

	Contracted quantity (Metric Tonnes)	Release order quantity (Metric Tonnes)		
1.	2000	7716	7760	17,390
2.	2001	9556	5334	17,200
3.	2002	7323	7325	18,890

(c) to (e) No, Sir. Railway Stores (Iron and Steel), Kolkata merely issues release orders based on the contracts entered into by Ministry of Railways. Orders for adequate quantity had been placed on M/s. Indian Iron and Steel Company by the Ministry of Railways. Requirement for the year 2001 had to be restricted due to withholding of wagon orders on detection of use of mild steel instead of corten steel by various wagon manufacturers.

(f) & (g) Do not arise.