

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT AND MANUFACTURING OF RELIEF CRANES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to the shortage of relief cranes, the railways is not able to perform post-accident relief works effectively;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of relief cranes required by the railways and the number of such cranes manufactured in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the manufacturing of relief cranes keeping in view the shortage of such cranes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) For Broad Gauge, the current assessed requirement is 73 nos. of 140 Tonne Diesel Breakdown Cranes. For Metre Gauge, it is estimated that roughly 10 Cranes would be required over the long term, depending upon the progress of gauge conversion.

Jamalpur Workshop has the capacity to manufacture 6 to 9 Cranes per annum for Broad Gauge.

Current population of 140 Tonne Broad Gauge Cranes is 52 and it should be possible to meet the balance demand from the indigenous production at Jamalpur within the next 3 years. Thus, the important stations have already been covered and the balance shall be covered by progressively phasing out Steam Cranes.

5 Metre Gauge Cranes have also been sanctioned by the Ministry of Railways, for which suitable design specifications are under finalisation. It is also proposed to manufacture these Cranes in Railway workshop.

(d) There is no proposal to increase the manufacturing capacity of such Cranes.

(e) Does not arise.