

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON IMPORT OF RAILWAY COACHES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred on import of Railway spare parts,coaches,engines and other related materials during each of the last three years;
- (b) the total estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on import of the above items during the next three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to manufacture the above items indigenously and achieve self-reliance in this area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Year-wise expenditure on imports is as under:

(Figures in crores of Rs.)

| Year | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
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| Expenditure on Imports | 421 | 594 | 614 |
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(b) No estimation is available as Railways follow the policy that imports of materials are made only when the materials of desired quality in required quantity are not available in the country.

(c) Indigenization is a continuous effort.To develop indigenous sources, trial/developmental orders are given to indigenous firms.