GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2455 ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011 AVAILABILITY OF GOODS WAGONS Choudhary Shri Bhudeo;Das Gupta Shri Gurudas

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether essential commodities booked for transportation by goods trains, are kept lying on railway sidings for long due to shortage of goods wagons in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken for timely transportation of goods;

(c) the details of goods wagon manufacturing units in the country alongwith the measures being taken to increase their production output;

(d) whether the Railways propose to set up more such units in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Railways have not been able to achieve the targets set for production/procurement of wagons during the last three years and the current year; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2455 BY SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA AND SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2011 REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF GOODS WAGONS

(a): No, Madam. Adequate numbers of wagons are being made available for transportation of essential commodities by rail.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Details of goods wagon manufacturing units in the country are as under:

Public Sector Units Private Industries

1. M/s Bridge and Roof Co. (India) 7. M/S Modern Industries Ltd. Kankaria Centre, 5th Floor, 2/1, G.T Road, Sahibabad - 201005, Russel Street, Kolkata - 700071. Ghaziabad (u.p)

2. M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd. 8. M/s Besco Limited (Wagon Division)
5, Hide Road, 8, Anil Maitra Road, Ballygunge,
Kolkata - 700043. Kolkata- 700019

4. M/s Burn Standard Co. Ltd. 10. M/s Texmaco Rail and Engg Limited, Howrah Works, Nityadhan Mukherjee Belgharia, Kolkata. Road, Howrah - 711 101.

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5. M/s Bharat Wagon & Engineering Co. 11. M/s Titagarh Wagons Ltd. `Premlata`
Ltd. Mokameh Works, Mokameh. 4th floor, 39, Shakespeare Sarani,
Kolkata - 700017
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6. M/s Bharat Wagon & Engineering 12. M/s Hindusthan Engineering and Ind-Company Limited, Muzaffarpur Works, Ltd. Mody Buiding 27, R.N. Mukherjee Muzaffarpur - 842 001 (Bihar). Road, Kolkata - 700001.

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13. M/s Jupiter Wagons Limited,
11, Satyen Dutta Road ,
Kolkata - 700 029.
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14. M/s Cimmco Limited, Indra
Palace, 3rd Floor, H-Block,
Connaught Circus, New Delhi - 110001.

Besides these units, Railways are also manufacturing wagons in their workshops at Jamalpur (Eastern Railway), Samastipur (East Central Railway), Golden Rock (Southern Railway), Amritsar (Northern Railway) and Hubli (South Western Railway). The following steps are being taken to enhance wagon production.

(i) Outstanding orders and past performance of wagon manufacturers are being taken into consideration while deciding fresh orders.

(ii) Mid-term diversion of order is being done from non-performing to performing units to promote higher production.

(iii) In addition, Railways have taken over and revived some of the erstwhile sick public sector wagon manufacturing units.

(d)&(e): Wagon manufacturing factories have been sanctioned/planned to increase production of goods wagon.

Sanctioned: (i) Guwahati (ii) Buniadpur (iii) Kazipet

Planned: (i) Kalahandi/Bhubaneswar (ii) Kolar (iii) Alappuzha

(f)&(g): Augmentation of wagon fleet is a continuous process, keeping in view projected traffic requirements.