

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Research, Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) has been unable to detect and find effective solutions for defects in railway tracks and rolling stocks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the major reasons for defects in railway tracks and rolling stocks identified by the RDSO so far; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to make RDSO more technologically effective to maintain railway tracks and rolling stocks to avoid operational inefficiency?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Defects in track develop due to various factors such as passage of traffic, environment, soil condition etc. Defects in rolling stock are generally linked with the extent of their utilization.
- (d) RDSO has been augmenting its research and technical capability through extensive training in which RDSO personnel are trained for enhancement of skills. In addition, expertise of eminent institutes like Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)/Roorkee, IIT/Kanpur and IIT/Kharagpur is also being sought by RDSO through various Chairs/Centres established for research on a number of subjects of immediate importance.