

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:249

ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various railway workshops particularly the engineering workshops in the country are able to meet the objectives and requirements of the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the upgradation/revival of certain workshops particularly bridge workshops have not taken place vis-a-vis the increasing requirements in the Railways and if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto along with the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to enhance the capacity and production output of these workshops in view of the increasing requirements; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for setting up of new workshops in the country including at Jellingham (Nandigram) in West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.249 BY SHRI BAL KUMAR PATEL AND SHRI PRABODH PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

(a) & (b) Engineering workshops were established (last workshop was set up in 1964) to fulfill the needs of manufacturing of steel girders, platform shelters, foot over bridges, track components etc. when fast expansion of railway network was taking place in the country and meagre facilities were available outside in trade. These workshops have met this objective at relevant times. Presently also, when number of sources in trade have become available, these workshops help in ensuring supplies of critical items during emergent situations and to avoid total dependence on trade.

(c) & (d) Major upgradation of Engineering Workshops (Bridge Workshops) has not been undertaken as number of sources in trade have become available over the period of time.

(e) A wagon component factory is planned at Jellingham by a joint venture of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) & Burn Standard Company Limited (BSCL). Further, works have been sanctioned for setting up new workshops including a new Engineering Workshop at Kathua near Jammu in Northern Railway.