

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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MACHINES AND PLANTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to develop a robust and updated database regarding changes in technologies and sources of availability of Machines and Plants (M&P) across the major markets in the country and abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to ensure that the indenting agencies support the requirements for M&P with proper justification, and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to streamline the post-procurement monitoring mechanism for timely installation and commissioning of M&P; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) COFMOW (Central Organisation for Modernization of Workshop) headquartered in New Delhi is a centralized agency of the Indian Railways responsible for modernization of Railway Workshop / Production Units (PUs) and for carrying out procurement of specialized machinery & plant and induction of Modern workshop technologies. The database already exists with COFMOW for M&P which is most regularly used by the Indian Railways. COFMOW is maintaining a detailed compendium containing updated technical specifications of all the Machinery & Plants being most regularly used in the various running Maintenance Sheds, Workshops, Production Units across the various Railways in India. COFMOW is also maintaining a vendor directory in which sources for machines regularly procured by COFMOW are included. COFMOW undertakes continuous updation of the data base by including sources based on the latest technologies available in the market. It also undertakes revision of the machine specifications to suit the specific requirements of Railways based on a continual interaction with manufacturers and the Railway units.

(c) The proposals for sanction of Machines & Plants are already supported by proper justification by the indenters, which is scrutinized prior to its sanction. For example in case of machine proposed on replacement account, the age, condition etc. of the old machine is scrutinized. Similarly for production machines proposed on additional account, ROR (Rate of Return) is also taken into account. These proposals are also duly vetted by the associate finance at each level.

(d) & (e) Post contact management mechanism is already in place at COFMOW and is being carried out by the Chief Mechanical Engineer (Post Contract Management) and his team through COFMOW's management information system. Periodical meetings are also convened by COFMOW with the Chief Mechanical Engineers/Planning of the Zonal Railways/Production Units. Right from the time of placement of order, COFMOW monitors the supply, commissioning and prove out. Post contract status is being maintained on COFMOW's Management Information System (MIS) and its website which can be accessed by all the users/indenters.