

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF RAILWAY ENGINE BY BHEL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) operating in the field of engineering and power has ventured into railway engine manufacturing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the BHEL has got proper human resource and technology for railway engine manufacturing;
- (d) if so, whether there is any scheme to set up any separate plant,unit of BHEL in wake of its entry into a new sector;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been in the field of manufacture and supply of railway engines/ locomotives since mid-1980s. For this, the company has established facilities for manufacture of a range of traction machines, diesel and electric locomotives, rolling stock for Indian Railways, Industrial use and other Urban Transportation applications. These include, mainline electric locomotives upto 5000 Horse Power (HP) for Railways, Diesel Electric Locomotives ranging from 350 HP to 2600 HP for different medium and large industries, Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) coaches, and related electrics/drives/ controls.

The Jhansi Unit of BHEL has the main facilities for manufacture of railway locomotives which are presently being enhanced.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. BHEL has the necessary human resources and technology for manufacture of its present range of locomotives & railway engines/equipment.

At present there is no proposal under consideration for setting up separate plant/unit of BHEL to manufacture railway engines/locomotives.

(e): Does not arise.