

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF WAGONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to acquire modern wagons to enhance capacity and better transport of goods especially for mining and oil sectors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Acquiring modern technology for wagons to enhance their capacity for better transport of goods is an ongoing process. Indian Railways has inducted a frameless wagon (BTFLN) for carrying petroleum products with Pay to Tare ratio of 2.48 against 2.01 of existing BTPN wagon. The tare weight of BTFLN has been reduced by 3.7 Tonnes over BTPN leading to an increase in rake throughput by 6.8 %. As on 31.1.15, a total of 646 BTFLN wagons are in operation.

Indian Railways has inducted BOXNHL wagon for the transportation of coal, ores, etc. The Pay to Tare ratio of BOXNHL wagon has increased to 3.46 from 2.95 of BOXN wagon (an increase of 17.3%). The throughput per rake has increased to 4123 tonne in case of BOXNHL wagon compared to 3954 tonne of BOXN wagon and the tare weight has reduced to 20.52 tonne in case of BOXNHL wagon from 23.1 tonne in case of BOXN wagon. As on 31.1.15, a total of 31276 BOXNHL wagons are in operation.