GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5514 ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015 LATEST LOCOMOTIVES IN RAILWAYS Kamal Nath Shri ;Mahendran Shri C.;Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan;Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao;Udhayakumar Shri M.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have proposed to introduce state-of-the-art locomotives based on IGBT technology in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the agreement made with foreign countries in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways propose to promote "Make in India" campaign through the said agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these agreements are likely to be implemented ?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam. In fact, Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) is already manufacturing locomotives equipped with Insulated Gate Bi-polar Transistor (IGBT) based propulsion system since 2007-2008. IGBT based technology is also working on electric locos, produced by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As already mentioned under para (a) above, DLW & CLW are already manufacturing locomotives having IGBT based propulsion system and these systems have been developed indigenously.

(d) Does not arise.