

Upgradation of Golden Rock Railway Workshop

2002. SHRI T.R. BAALU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to upgrade the Golden Rock Railway Workshop at Trichy to a fullfledged wagon building factory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of supply and demand of wagons by Railways at present, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) Demand for rail transport is assessed in million tonnes for every financial year to set freight loading targets and this estimate is not made in terms of number of wagons.

Zone-wise target of loading for the year 1998-99 and loading achieved upto April-October, 1998 is as under :

Railway	Target (1998-99)	Target (Upto Oct. 98)	Actual Loading (Upto Oct. 98)
Central	46.00	25.70	24.96
Eastern	81.50	46.10	42.32
Northern	26.50	15.60	14.90
North Eastern	2.50	1.20	1.21
Northeast Frontier	6.50	3.25	3.19
Southern	30.50	16.90	16.48
South Central	46.50	25.40	23.04
South Eastern	178.00	101.20	93.01
Western	32.00	17.30	17.20
Total :	450.00	252.65	236.31

The shortfall in loading vis-a-vis target has been mainly due to drop in demand from the originally assessed level by the core sectors of the economy which includes power, coal, foodgrains, cement, fertiliser and steel.

Accident of East Coast Express

2003. SHRI BHARTRAHARI MAHTAB : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the East-Coast Express met with an accident near Barang in Orissa in the month of October 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the total loss of life and Government property therein; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such type of accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Work Orders to H.S.C.L.

2004. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the value of work orders received by the Hindustan Steelworks Constructions Limited during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the assignment-wise details of orders received by the H.S.C.L. which were got executed through other agencies alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) The value of work orders received by Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited during last three years is given below :

(Rs. in crores)	
Year	Value of work orders
1995-96	295
1996-97	340
1997-98	339
Total :	974

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

[English]

Land Reform

2005. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :