

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2843
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

INITIATIVES BY RAILWAYS UNDER MAKE IN INDIA

2843 # SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred on import under various heads of railway operations along with the details of major Heads;
- (b) the action taken by the Railways including initiatives taken under 'Make in India' strategy to reduce imports bills; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to explore various opportunities to mobilize its resources?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2843 BY SMT. KANTA KARDAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING INITIATIVES BY RAILWAYS UNDER MAKE IN INDIA

(a) Sir, the details of expenditure incurred on import of stores under various heads of railway operations along with the details of major Heads is appended.

(b) Indian Railways is continuously exploring the possibilities to develop the indigenous sources for the imported items along with industrial partners.

Vendor meets are conducted in association with Industry bodies to apprise them of Railways requirements and know about the possible domestic sources for imported items.

For the items being imported, Developmental Orders are placed on domestic vendors. The vendors are handheld by Railway units in this effort.

Procurements under Ministry of Railways are done in accordance with the Make in India policy.

As per Make in India Policy, items for which sufficient competition and capacity is available in the country, Ministry of Railways has reserved such items for procurement only from Class-I local suppliers.

For items required regularly, tentative procuring plan of imported items for next three years is available on Indian Railways website to help the suppliers in assessing long term business opportunity.

(c) In order to reduce dependency on imports of wheels, an off-take agreement has been signed between Ministry of Railways and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited. The plant was commissioned in September 2021.

Tender has been issued for procurement of wheel in India through establishing of Factory in private sector on assured offtake basis.

Contract for expansion of Rail Wheel Factory, Bangalore to manufacture axles has been awarded.

Capacity Building in private sector is promoted (with Class I suppliers) as under:

- Contract for 9000 HP Electric Loco awarded for 1200 nos.
- Procurement has been initiated for 400 Vande Bharat rakes

Development of indigenous technologies by Indian Railways has been done as under:

- Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS)
- Vande Bharat trains
- 9000 HP Loco
- Running of Passenger Trains with Push-pull formation
- Head on Generation (HOG)

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2843 BY SMT. KANTA KARDAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING INITIATIVES BY RAILWAYS UNDER MAKE IN INDIA

Headings	Total import (including imported stores purchased in India) under various headings (₹ in crores)
Diesel loco parts and fittings	58.10
Electric loco parts and fittings	76.34
Other Railway Rolling Stock parts and fittings	133.16
Electrical stores	2.66
Signal and Telecom. stores	62.13
Permanent Way material, track, tools, Engineering stores covering building material etc.	245.16
Other stores	36.51
Total	614.06
