

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2181**  
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**AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT IN THE RAILWAY SECTOR**

2181 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government to make 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in the railway sector;
- (b) whether Government has drawn any roadmap for raising the share of domestic railways manufacturing companies in total demand by increasing production and quality;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether efforts by Government in the last decade have helped in improvement in the railway sector's contribution to the country's Gross domestic product (GDP); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (e) Indian Railways is committed to achieve the objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat through various initiatives as detailed under:-

1) Manufacturing of various Rolling stock such as Coaches, wagons, locomotives, track machines & its components etc. under “Make in India” initiative. The Rolling Stock manufactured during year 2023-24 is tabulated below:

Rolling Stock	Annual Average production during 2009-14	Production 2023-24
Locomotives	594 nos.	1472 nos.
Coaches	3702 nos.	6550 nos.
Wagons	15,632 nos.	37,650 nos.

2) New Design rolling stocks like Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, Twin Locos etc have all been designed and developed indigenously.

3) Indian Railways has entered into a long term Agreement for Manufacturing and Supply of Forged Wheel Discs/ Wheelsets for different Rolling Stock to promote “Make in India under Atma-Nirbhar Bharat” in order to develop enough indigenous capacity for manufacturing forged wheels & replace imports.

- 4) Undertaking infrastructure augmentation / expansion projects including Dedicated Freight Corridors, doubling/multi-tracking, gauge conversion, etc.
- 5) Installation of modern signalling systems & development of its own automatic Train protection System “Kavach” for enhancing safety of running trains.
- 6) Electrification of routes to reduce dependence on imported fuel.
- 7) Procurement of all Track components like Rails, sleepers and fastenings from Indigenous sources. During 2023-24, about 12 Lakh Tonnes Rails and about 1.5 crore prestressed concrete sleepers have been procured by Indian Railways indigenously.
- 8) As part of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’, procurement of material for Indian Railways is done through “Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order” issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India.

The contribution of Indian Railways to India's GDP is significant, considering its role as a major mode of transportation for both passengers and freight segments. Investments in rail infrastructure, including track upgradation, electrification, and station modernization etc. boost economic growth by improving connectivity and reducing logistics costs.

Indian Railways supports a range of industries, including manufacturing, construction, and services, through demand for goods and services including rolling stock, tracks, signalling systems etc.

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