

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1224
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

POWER BILL OF RAILWAYS

1224. SHRI M. B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual consumption and power bill of the Railways in the last three years, year-wise;**
- (b) the mode of procurement of power by the Railways;**
- (c) whether the Railways has initiated steps to reduce its spending on power; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Indian Railways have consumed 17661, 18246 and 17763 (provisional) (in million kwh) and paid ₹11,488 crore, ₹12,316 crore and ₹11945 crore (approximately) during 2013-'14, 2014-'15 and 2015-'16 (provisional) respectively for power consumption (traction and non-traction).

(b) to (d) Earlier, Indian Railways was getting power from various State utilities/central generating companies.

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The steps taken to reduce expenditure on power are procurement through bidding process/bilateral arrangements, setting up of captive power plant, deployment of energy efficient locomotives and Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) with regenerative braking, electrification of Railway network, adopting energy conservation measures etc.
