

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2052
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

BELA RAIL FACTORY

2052. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bela Rail Factory located in Saran district of Bihar established for producing the cast wheels for railway wagons is under-producing vis-a-vis its capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether an audit has been done on the efficiency and production capacity of the Bela Rail factory since its incorporation, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the under-utilized/under-producing rail factory in the country; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government to support such rail factories?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a)& (b) The Rail Wheel Plant (RWP), Bela is still in project stage.

The production of cast wheels at RWP, Bela is progressing as per infrastructural facilities being developed there.

(c) No, Madam. No such Audit has been done.

(d) and (e) The production targets of Rail Factories are based on the Traffic demand for Rolling Stock, which is dynamic in nature. All Production Units, not in project stage, are manufacturing more than their installed capacity, except Rail Wheel Factory, Bengaluru. As the demand for cast wheels for Rolling Stock is lower at present, the target for Rail Wheel Factory (RWF), Bengaluru is less than the installed capacity for the year 2017-18. New products, such as cast wheels for Electrical Multiple Units (EMU) and Linke Hoffman Bosch (LHB) coaches are being developed at RWF, Bengaluru to enable better utilization of the capacity of Rail Wheel Factories.
