

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

MAKE IN INDIA PROGRAMME

1823. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of expenditure incurred on import of various items used in the Railways operations along with the details of major items;**
- (b) the action taken by the Railways to reduce import bills, including initiatives taken under 'Make in India' strategy to reduce imports; and**
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Railways to explore various avenues to mop up its resources?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Expenditure incurred on import of various items used during the financial year 2017-18 in the Railway operations was ₹ 1232.95 crore.

Major category of items imported are sophisticated electric and electronic equipment for rolling stock, springs, dampers, rubber bonded metal components, track machines and their spares.

(b): To reduce import bill, all out efforts are being made through indigenisation by placing developmental orders on manufacturers by

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Indian Railways. The Government has formulated policy for 'Make in India' to promote manufacturing of goods and services in India. The policy has been implemented by Indian Railways in all its procurements.

(c): Railways have taken steps to mop up resources by targeting progressively higher traffic throughput, periodic rationalization of fare and freight rates, capturing more and more traffic through effective and innovative marketing strategies, creating additional capacity and optimally utilizing the existing rail infrastructure including rolling stock, enhancing productivity and efficiency, improving passenger interface and focussing on increasing the share of non-fare revenue in Railways' earnings.
