

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

1570. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any special plan for the Railways to translate the idea of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and "Five Trillion Dollar Economy" envisaged by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and it's reflection in Odisha, particularly the uncovered regions of the State;

(c) the steps taken by the Government including allocation of funds by the Railways to the post-survey activities, including laying of Railway Lines of Bargarh Nuapara-via-Padampur in Odisha that will connect the State with of Chhatishgarh; and

(d) whether the Railways would consider sympathetically the new-line between Bargarh in Odisha to Raipur in Chhatishgarh via Sohea-Basna and Bargarh to Raigarg via Bhatli-Ambabana which will further connect two underdeveloped State of India to take India a step further toward 'Atmanibhar India' and Five-Trillion Dollar Economy?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWANI VAISHNAW)

(a) Yes, sir. Indian Railways being the largest transporter in India contributes significantly to the growth of Indian economy. Inspite of

Covid situation, Railways freight loading has increased in 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20.

A large number of coaches, locomotives and wagons are manufactured in Railway Production Units, Workshops, Public Sector Units and Private sector factories in India. The Rolling stock manufactured in 2020-21 is tabulated below:-

Rolling stock	Production 2020-21
Locomotives	764
Coaches	4903
Wagons	12521

Railways are thus, actively contributing in growth of Indian economy.

As part of “Atmanirbhar Bharat”, procurement of material for Indian Railways is being done through “Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order” issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India. Import of goods as a percentage of total goods procured has come down drastically from 6.05% in 2012-13 to 1.38 % in 2019-20.

Rolling Stock produced by Indian Railways is fully indigenous except for some items such as wheels & axles which are partly imported. Efforts are being made to reduce even these imports by setting up additional capacities.

(b) Railway is a Pan India organization and does not draw plans based upon State boundaries.

(c) Works are processed for sanction based on operational requirement, technical feasibility, commercial viability, financial justification and resource availability.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal. However, Bargarh road is connected with both Raipur and Raigarh by the existing lines.
