

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022**

PROCUREMENT OF WHEELS

539. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has decided to procure 35000 wheels from China instead of Ukraine;**
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the details of cost implication of the said decision of the Government?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) Purchase order for 39,000 nos. wheels for LHB coaches has been placed by Indian Railways on M/s TZ(Taizhong), Hong Kong with manufacturer M/s Taiyuan, China against Global Tender.**
- (b) Due to the present war crisis between Russia and Ukraine, the supplies against the ongoing contracts on the firms from Russia and Ukraine were affected. Earlier, Letter of Acceptance (LoA) for 30,000 wheels for LHB coaches was issued on M/s K LW with manufacturer based in Ukraine. Subsequently, M/s K LW invoked Force majeure clause due to inability to supply on account of war crisis in Ukraine and formal purchase order could not be issued to Ukrainian firm.**

To tide over the crisis of wheels for LHB coaches, Indian Railways floated tender for 39,000 nos. and placed order on M/s TZ(Taizhong), Hong Kong with manufacturer M/s Taiyuan, China. This firm is registered with DPIIT for wheels for LHB coaches as per Land Border policy of Gol.

(c) The rate on which the contract was placed on the China based firm was 1.68% higher than the rate per wheel given in LOA on Ukrainian firm.
