GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2136 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

IMPORT OF RAILWAY COACHES AND COMPONENTS

2136. MS SAYANI GHOSH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of types and quantities of railway coaches and components imported during the last ten years, year-wise;

(b) the countries from which these coaches and components were imported;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the import of railway coaches, locomotives, and related equipment during the last five years;

(d) whether there have been any incidents related to safety or performance issues in imported coaches, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government has any strategic plans to minimise the import of coaches and promote indigenous production and 'Make in India' in Railways, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has prioritized procurement and manufacture of Railway Coaches, Locomotives and their components in line with 'Make in India' policy of Govt of India under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. In an effort to fully develop indigenous capacity for manufacture of Coaches, Locomotives and their critical components like wheels & axles, sufficient measures have been taken by Ministry of Railways, which are as under:

- (i) Indigenous manufacturing of High Horse Power Locomotives at Madhepura, Marhorha and Dahod.
- (ii) Manufacturing of Vande Bharat trains under Make in India at Indian Railway's manufacturing facilities to produce semi-high speed trains in India.
- (iii) Make in India Long Term Agreement for supply of 80000 forged wheels annually from forged wheel plant in India to make the country Atmanirbhar in Forged wheels.
- (iv) Additionally Indian Railways has taken over forged wheel plant at Rae Barelli from Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL) in 2024 and ramped up production.
- (v) Indian Railways has started sourcing Axles from MSF, which is a PSU of Ministry of Defence.
