

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016**

TRAIN ENGINES

**953. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has planned to produce train engines running on both diesel and electric at Varanasi rail coach factory;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the time by which the production is likely to be started and the budget estimate for the project?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) Yes, Madam.**
- (b) Indian Railways is planning to develop a diesel locomotive with dual mode capability, which would be able to work as an electric locomotive in electrified area. Research, Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) has developed a specification for dual mode passenger locomotive in July, 2015. Prototype will be ready by March, 2017.**
- (c) DLW, Varanasi has started the process of procurement of materials for production of prototype of the Dual Mode Locomotive. The approximate budget estimate is ₹ 18 crores per locomotive.**
