

**Unutilised Rail Wagon Manufacturing Capacity**

3266. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial manufacturing capacity in the rail wagon manufacturing units both in public sector and private sector in the country have been laying unutilized;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps contemplated, if any, for facilitating enhanced utilization of the installed capacity of these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under administrative control of this Ministry have not been able to fully utilize their installed capacity due to various reasons, such as, liquidity crunch, difficulty in arranging critical components such as Bogies and Couplers, high overheads and low morale of the employees.

(c) Railways have decided that from 2005-06 Bogies and Couplers would be directly arranged by them to the wagon manufacturers. Government have also taken 'in principle' decision to revitalize the operations of these PSEs by seeking recommendation of Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) on the revival/ restructuring proposals of these PSEs. This is expected to improve capacity utilization of these PSEs.

**Task Force for UGC**

3267. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a task force to oversee functioning of the UGC;

(b) if so, what steps would be taken to examine the role of the UGC which is harassing various educational institutions;

(c) whether there is any plan to make the UGC functioning transparent;