

**Private sector coach manufacturers**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways have awarded contracts to private sector coach manufacturers to supply coaches for its suburban and express trains;
- (b) if so, the details of such contracts awarded during the last two years;
- (c) the capacity of the public sector coach manufacturing units and the actual utilization of the capacity during the last two years; and
- (d) the reason for awarding contracts to private manufacturers bypassing the public sector units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The contracts for manufacture and supply of Alternating Current Electric Multiple Unit (ACEMU) coaches for suburban trains have been placed on the following private companies during the last two years:

Year	Contract No. and date	Ordered quantity in rakes (Each rake consisting of 9 coaches)	Rate	Firm
2012-13	2012/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/18 dated 06.09.2012	11	₹ 10,18,54,592.68 per rake	M/s Titagarh Wagons Limited, Kolkata
	2012/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/17 dated 06.09.2012	6 rakes plus 5 loose motor coaches	₹ 10,18,54,592.68 per rake and ₹ 1,60,17,903.64 per motor coach	M/s Jessop and Co. Ltd., Kolkata
	2013/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/Besco/15 dated 18.11.2013	1 rake (Development contract)	₹ 8,99,98,272 per rake	M/s Besco Limited (Wagon Division), Kolkata

No contracts for supply of coaches of express trains have been placed on Private Coach Manufacturers.

(c) M/s BEML Limited, Bengaluru is the only Public Sector Undertaking unit under Ministry of Defence manufacturing coaches for the Indian Railways. Their intimated capacity for manufacturing mainline passenger coaches is 720 nos. of coaches per annum *i.e.* 60 nos. of coaches per month. During the years 2012-13 and 2013-14, the firm has supplied 621 nos. and 533 nos. of coaches.

(d) Public Sector Unit has not been bypassed. These contracts have been awarded following the advertised tendering route where M/s BEML Limited (a Public Sector Undertaking) also participated and has been awarded contract for ACEMUs, as detailed below:

Year	Contract No. and date	Ordered quantity in rakes (Each rake consisting of 9 coaches)	Rate
2012-13	2012/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/16 dated 06.09.2012	8	₹ 10,18,54,592.68 per rake

In addition, following contracts are also under execution by M/s. BEML Limited at present:

Type of coach	Contract No. and date	Ordered quantity	Rate
Mainline Electric Multiple Unit	2012/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/BEML/2 dated 28.3.2012	8 rakes (consisting of 8 coaches per rake)	₹ 6,71,30,000 per rake
Diesel Electric Multiple Unit	2012/RS(PF and EC)-142/Coaches/BEML/1 dated 3.1.2012	20 rakes (consisting of 8 coaches per rake)	₹14,42,26,766 per rake
Stainless Steel ACEMU	2005/RS(PF and EC)-142/BEML/14 dated 04.09.2008	6 rakes (consisting of 9 coaches per rake)	₹15,21,50,000 per rake