

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**Wagon manufacturing units of Burn Standard Company Limited**

*256. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two wagon manufacturing units of Burn Standard Company Limited, situated at Burnpur and Howrah, are getting inadequate orders from Railways; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the aforesaid units are also facing non-availability of working capital?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) Ministry of Railways has placed adequate orders for manufacture of wagons on M/s Burn Standard and Company Limited (BSCL). As on 01.12.2016, orders for manufacture of 2364 wagons, amounting to ₹296.73 Crores are balance on M/s BSCL. Since 2015, the Company is also carrying out major repairs of wagons for Indian Railways. In 2015 - 16, 2305 wagons and in 2016 - 17 (till November 2016), 2581 wagons have been repaired by the Company. Orders for repair of 659 wagons, amounting to ₹11.86 Crores, are still balance on M/s BSCL as on 01.12.2016. In addition, orders worth ₹25.27 crores for cast components are also balance on the Company.

(b) To tide over the shortage of working capital, Ministry of Railways has sanctioned advance payment to M/s BSCL for fabrication of wagons. In 2015 - 16, an advance of ₹23.32 crores was paid to the Company for fabrication of wagons and in 2016 - 17, an advance of ₹21.20 crores has been sanctioned. In addition, the Company is arranging funds through borrowings from bank as well.

Shelving of Tanakpur-ghat-Bageshwar railway route

†*257. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway routes in the country whose construction works have been shelved permanently after conducting a survey;

(b) whether Government has permanently shelved the construction work of the strategically important Tanakpur-Ghat-Bageshwar railway route in the border district of Uttarakhand, if so, the reasons therefor; and

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