

**Different types of goods wagons**

3014. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of different types of goods wagons available with the Railways, zone-wise;

(b) whether the present stock of goods wagons suffice the demand or there is a shortage of wagons;

(c) whether there is any plan of establishing a new wagon factory in the country; and

(d) whether Government would consider to establish the wagon manufacturing factory in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) There are 2,58,584 different types of wagons available over Indian Railways. The zone-wise holding of wagons are as under:

(i)	Central Railway	: 17246
(ii)	Eastern Railway	: 17581
(iii)	East Central Railway	: 23379
(iv)	East Coast Railway	: 19173
(v)	Northern Railway	: 13591
(vi)	North Central Railway	: 19089
(vii)	North Eastern Railway	: 4570
(viii)	Northeast Frontier Railway	: 6449
(ix)	North Western Railway	: 8728
(x)	Southern Railway	: 8996
(xi)	South Central Railway	: 22607
(xii)	South Eastern Railway	: 35269
(xiii)	South East Central Railway	: 28119
(xiv)	South Western Railway	: 8675
(xv)	Western Railway	: 11781
(xvi)	West Central Railway	: 13331
	TOTAL	: 258584

(b) The present availability of wagons is adequate for meeting the present demand for rail transport.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

**Wagon manufacturing units of Burn Standard Company Limited**

3015. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: 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 suffering from inadequate quantity of 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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The Ministry of Railways has placed adequate orders for manufacture of wagons on M/s. Burn Standard and Company Limited (BSCL). As on 01.08.2017, orders for manufacture of 881 wagons, amounting to ₹ 126 crore 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, in 2016-17, 4028 wagons and in 2017-18 (till July 2017), 1341 wagons have been repaired by the Company. Orders for repair of 1835 wagons, amounting to ₹ 45.87 crore, are still balance on M/s. BSCL as on 01.08.2017. In addition, orders worth ₹ 17 crore 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 crore was paid to the Company for fabrication of wagons and in 2016-17, an advance of ₹ 21.20 crore has been sanctioned. In addition, the Company is arranging funds through borrowings from bank as well.

**Serving of expired food in railway areas**

3016. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a report on serving of contaminated/expired food and unauthorized brands of water bottles, etc., within the railway areas of the country;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the report; and