

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2976
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PHASING OUT OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES FROM RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:-

- a) whether Government has formulated policy and fixed any timeframe to phase out diesel locomotives from Indian Railways;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether Government has also formulated a plan for adequate production of electrical locomotives to meet the demand of Indian Railways; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) : The use of diesel engines & its withdrawal from service is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to network approach, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. Diesel locomotives shall however be required for disaster management, strategic purpose, shunting etc.

The production of electric locomotives on Indian Railways has increased three times during last 10 years. The progress of production of electric locomotives during 2004-14 versus 2014-24 is as under:

Period	Electric locomotive production
2004-14	2221
2014-24	7027 (3.2 times)
