

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2003
WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether railways had refused to supply rail wagons for transporting of coal from Talcher to various points;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have received complaints about malpractices in allotment of rail wagons for coal movements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps proposed to provide rail wagons to transport coal as per requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 223 BY PROF. UMMARE VENKATESWARLU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 6.3.2003 REGARDING WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Railways did not refuse to supply rail wagons to transport coal from Talcher to various points which are in conformity with extant rules and instructions.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. No complaint has been received about malpractices in allotment of rail wagons for coal movement from Talcher area in recent past.

(e) Coal constitutes about 47% of revenue earning freight traffic loading on Indian Railways. Due to huge volumes involved, loading and movement of coal is done on the basis of rules and guidelines specifically framed keeping in view availability of coal in the various coal fields as well as optimum utilization of railway infrastructure created over the years.

Based on projections of coal industry regarding production and availability of coal, railways have been creating/strengthening infrastructure for coal transportation. However, depending on changes in availability of coal vis-à-vis requirement of industries, duly taking into account railway's infrastructure, rules and guidelines are reviewed from time to time.