

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4052
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WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he has assured that immediate arrangements would be made for dispatch of wagons to transport foodgrains under various schemes of the Central Government to different parts of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the total wagons provided during January and February 2003 for transport of foodgrains; and
- (c) the extent to which they were fully utilised ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): As a National carrier, Railways are committed for transportation of foodgrains and other essential commodities. Railways provide rakes for loading and transportation of foodgrains as per the indents registered, keeping in view the operational considerations. During January 2003, 127 rakes and during February 2003, 122 rakes were provided for transportation of foodgrains to Karnataka for Public Distribution System (P.D.S.) and welfare schemes.