

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAKES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FODDER AND WATER IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of rakes/water tanker (rakes) requested by the Government of Gujarat for transportation of fodder and water to scarcity affected areas during the last four months;
- (b) whether the Railways has allocated the rakes as per requirement of the Gujarat Government ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ; and
- (e) the manner in which the railways propose to fulfil the requirement of scarcity affected areas ?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : Railway rakes are provided as per the indents registered with the Railways. During the last four months from January, 2003 to April, 2003, 116 rakes were loaded for transportation of fodder to Gujarat and 64 indents were pending at the end of April, 2003. Efforts have been made to provide more empty rakes for loading of fodder for Gujarat scarcity affected areas.

First indent for transportation of water for Gujarat was registered on 28th April,2003 and from 28th April, 2003 to 30th April, 2003, 4 rakes of water have been loaded for Gujarat. Two dedicated rakes have been provided for transportation of water to fulfill the requirements of scarcity affected areas of Gujarat .