

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:495
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2003
SALE OF SCRAP
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `Nitish Scolds GMs over scam losses` appeared in `Asian Age` on November 2, 2003 ;
- (b) whether Railways sell nearly Rs. 1000 crores of scrap each year and face huge loss to the public exchequer due to enduring nexus between Railway Officials and Scrap Mafias;
- (c) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken on the findings;
- (e) whether CAG has also pointed out in its report about this scam; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Railways sell approximately Rs. 1000 crores scrap every year. Regular checks are made in the area of sale of scrap and wherever irregularities are noted appropriate remedial measures are taken. No incident of nexus between Railway official and scrap mafia has come to notice resulting in huge loss to public exchequer
- (c) & (d) Do not arise.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.