

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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MOVEMENT OF GOODS/ RAW MATERIAL  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry are facing the problems of non-availability of wagons for inward as well as outward movement of goods and raw materials;
- (b) if so, whether the problem has been brought to the notice of the Railway Ministry; and
- (c) if so, the details and the reaction of the Railway Ministry thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) The wagon supplies, in general, for inward & outward movement in Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)'s steel plants has largely been adequate, barring occasional shortages. The wagon requirements of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are generally being fulfilled by more than 95% and no significant shortage of wagons is noticed. However, Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) and National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) are facing the shortage of Rakes in Bellary-Hospet area and Donamalai Sector respectively.

(b)&(c): KIOCL has raised the issue with Railway Board for reconsidering the decision routing the traffic via Castle Rock-Madgaon-Thokur and has requested South Western Railways to book at least 2 rakes per day via Hassan-Mangalore which would help in reduction in distance as well as freight.

NMDC has also brought the problem of short supply of Rakes in Donamalai Sector to the notice of Zonal Railway Authorities.

Besides these, the issue of supply of rakes to the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Steel has continuously been discussed with Ministry of Railways during the monthly meetings held in Cabinet Secretariat regarding infrastructure constraints.