

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STORAGE FACILITIES FOR WOODEN SLEEPERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have no proper storage facilities for storing wooden sleepers of different Railway Zones leading to damage to wooden sleepers which are lying in the open;
- (b) if so, the details of Depots where wooden sleepers are stored, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have suffered heavy losses due to damage to these wooden sleepers; and
- (d) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

- (a) No, Sir. For storage of sleepers covered godown is not necessarily required and wooden sleepers may be stored in open. However, while storing the same, certain precautions are required to be observed.
- (b) Every P-Way Supervisor has necessary depot (both covered and open) for storing P-way materials including wooden sleepers.
- (c) No, Sir. Loss suffered in recent past due to damage of wooden sleeper due to non-observing of precaution in storage of wooden sleeper in open is negligible.
- (d) Does not arise.