

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NON AVAILABILITY OF RAKES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Coal India Limited continues to grapple with the problem of coal off-take due to the inadequate availability of rakes from the Indian Railways resulting in piling up of coal stock;
- (b) if so, the total requirement of rakes per day and the rakes being provided to the Coal India Limited per day by the Railways;
- (c) the reasons for short supply of rakes by the Railways; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): No, Madam. Coal loading on Indian Railway grew by 7.23% in 2009-10 from all sources. The Indian Railways have also made sufficient rakes available for loading of coal from Coal India Limited sources in the month of April 2010 (period 1st to 15th April).
- (b): As per projection of Coal India Limited, the loading requirement of rakes is to the tune of 190 rakes per day in the month of April 2010. Railways have been supplying rakes as per their demand. However, Coal India Limited has managed to load only 160 rakes per day (approximately) in the period 1st April to 15th April 2010. This was primarily on account of less loading in certain coal fields.
- (c) & (d): Do not arise.