

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAKES FOR TRANSPORTATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether railways have received requests from various States including Gujarat for providing adequate number of Rakes for transportation of salt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Request from the State Government of Gujarat was received to increase number of rakes for transportation of salt from Gujarat

(c): During current financial year i.e. from April – July,2010 Western Railway have loaded 371 rakes of edible salt as against 359 rakes of edible salt loaded during the corresponding period of last year registering a growth of 3.3 %. Railways is making all efforts to meet the demand for transportation of salt, and have inducted high capacity BCNHL wagons which can carry about 40% of additional cargo in each train. Induction of such train will help in faster evacuation of salt. Railway also inducts BOXN wagons for loading of salt whenever necessary.