

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rail wagons were booked for transporting wheat from Sarhind in Punjab to Bokaro which took 440 days to reach Bokaro;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been initiated in the matter; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A rake of 39 BCX wagons was loaded from Sirhind in Punjab to Bokaro and Tatisilwai on 02.05.2009. This rake reached in a complement of 37 BCX wagons (95 %) on 07.05.2009 at Tatisilwai and part of the rake was unloaded there on 08.05.2009. The second part of the rake for Bokaro was unloaded at Bokaro on 10.05.2009. The transit time for 95 % of the rake from loading to reaching destination was only 5 days.

However, two BCX wagons developed defects en route. These wagons were detached. After carriage and wagon examination, one wagon was made fit and despatched to the destination which reached Bokaro on 13.07.10. The other wagon was declared mechanically irreparable and its contents were transshipped on to another BCN wagon. This wagon has also been moved and is en route to destination. The incident is being looked into.