

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT OF RAKES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand/request for rakes received by the Railways from various States for transportation of various materials viz iron ore, fertilizers, chemicals etc. during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise/zone-wise/division-wise;

(b) the details of rakes made available to the respective States in lieu of their demands, year-wise, State-wise/zone-wise/division-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to meet such demands adequately?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c): The Railways have a system of having daily conferences at Railway Board level, Zonal Headquarter level and Division level wherein monitoring of demand and supply of rakes is done. In these conferences, rakes and locomotives are positioned in various Zones/Divisions to meet the demand. On a long term basis the Railways continuously upgrade their infrastructure, both fixed and rolling, to meet the demands adequately. Upgradation of track, bridges, signalling systems, construction of new line, Gauge conversion, doubling, etc. help to generate addition fixed capacity while increased procurement of better designed wagons and higher capacity locomotives help in increase the rolling stock infrastructure. These measures help the Railway to meet the demands adequately.