

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:181

ANSWERED ON:22.11.2012

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL BY RAILWAYS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of contribution of coal freight in the total earnings from freight in the Railways for the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the transportation of coal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the said period, year-wise along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of rakes demanded, allocated and utilised for the purpose during the said period, year and zone-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to optimise the transportation of coal/availability of adequate number of rakes to ensure regular and requisite supply to various power plants in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.181 BY SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI, SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV, SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL AND SHRI MADHU GOUD YASKHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2012 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF COAL BY RAILWAYS

(a): The details of contribution of coal freight in the total earnings from freight in the Railways for the last three years and the current year, year-wise is given below:-

(` in Crores)

Year	Coal Earnings	Total freight Earnings	% age to total
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2009-10	22418.07	56911.51	39.39
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2010-11	23917.31	60687.05	39.41
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2011-12 (P)	28178.96	67761.41	41.59
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2012-13 (up to Oct-12) (P)	20250.53	47054.79	43.04
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(b): There is no shortfall in Coal loading by the railways on account of non availability of sufficient rakes. Coal loading in Indian Railways has gone up from 420.21 Million Tonnes in 2010-11 to 455.80 Million Tonnes in 2011-12. In April 2012 to October 2012

Indian Railways has loaded 274.72 Million Tonnes which is 10.2% more than the coal loading in corresponding period of last year.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.

(e): Various steps have been taken by Indian Railways to improve coal transportation. A few of the measures are,

(i) Induction of High Capacity BOXNHL wagons with the pay load of 70.8 tonnes which is 12 tonnes more than the existing BOXNHS wagons. In the current Financial Year 2012-13 (upto October 2012), Indian Railways has inducted 4014 wagons (approx. 69 rakes).

(ii) Running of Long Haul freight trains (combining two trains) to solve the line capacity constraints.

(iii) Introduction of more close circuit rakes thereby optimizing wagon maintenance and in turn optimizing wagon availability for coal movement.