

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:316
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009
SUPPLY OF CONCRETE SLEEPERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways' track expansion plans are getting delayed due to shortage in the supply of concrete sleepers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more concrete sleeper manufacturing units in the country including in Southern Zones of Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Railways in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 316 BY SHRIMATI J. SHANTHA AND SHRI SUGUMAR K. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2009 REGARDING SUPPLY OF CONCRETE SLEEPERS

(a) & (b): No, Madam. A close watch is kept on the availability of sleepers for various projects/track renewal works.

(c) & (d): A constant review is made by Ministry of Railways to augment sleeper production and to set up new plants in various Zonal Railways including Southern Zones of Indian Railways. In Southern Zone, it has been approved to set up three new plants on South Western Railway and one plant on South Central Railway.

(e): Besides setting up of new sleeper plants, Ministry of Railways has taken steps to shift concrete sleeper plants from surplus Railways to deficient Railways.