

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY WAGONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken note that the shortage of railway wagons has resulted in shortage of coal supply to private power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways issued a notification to all zonal authorities to treat private and public sector generation companies equally in wagon allotment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): In terms of the extant instructions, no distinction exists between private and public sector power generation companies in so far as allotment and supply of coal rakes is concerned. Similarly, no distinction is made in balancing the temporal and spatial distribution of coal rakes across various power generating companies based on day-by-day reviews of requirement vis-a-vis availability of coal stocks jointly conducted by the Ministry of Railways and the Central Electricity Authority.