

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:11  
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Transportation of Coal  
Pathak Smt. Riti

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

- (a) the total number of goods wagons available for transporting coal within the country;
- (b) the total number of goods wagons actually required for transporting coal;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of goods wagons for transporting coal and if so, the details thereof;;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to keep goods wagons exclusively for transportation of coal in order to ensure that the transportation of coal is not delayed to its destinations due to shortage of goods wagons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Transportation of coal is predominantly done in BOXN and BOBR type of open wagons. As on 31ST January 2016, around 1.07 lakh BOXN wagons and 0.15 lakh BOBR wagons were available with Indian Railways.
- (b) The availability of wagons for loading and transportation of coal has been adequate for meeting the current demand.
- (c) Wagon production is planned yearly by Indian Railways on the basis of the expected demand for transportation of commodities. During the year 2015-16, production of 8073 number of BOXN wagons and 490 number of BOBR wagons is targetted.
- (d) General purpose wagons like BOXN wagons are utilized for transportation of bulk commodities like minerals & ores, including coal. The prevalent arrangement in which general purpose wagons are not being reserved for transportation of any particular commodity has worked satisfactorily over the years. Given the critical importance of coal in the national economy, this traffic segment is normally accorded a relatively higher priority in supply of rakes over other bulk commodities. Further, BOBR wagons are generally dedicated for loading and transportation of coal traffic only.

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