

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1504
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RAKES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOOD GRAINS TO KERALA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of rakes for transportation of foodgrains to Kerala to stock the required quantity of wheat and raw rice to the people through ration shops;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to allot sufficient number of rakes to Kerala;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d): The Railways provide the rakes for transportation of foodgrains for Public Distribution System, as per the programme given by the Food Corporation of India (FCI). From April 2003 to July 2003, FCI has given a programme of 59 rakes for foodgrains loading for Kerala. The Railways have loaded 63 foodgrain rakes from 1st April, 2003 to 27th July, 2003 for Kerala. Railways coordinate with FCI to ensure availability of adequate foodgrains in Kerala..