

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REQUIREMENT OF WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foodgrains allotted to the States is not reaching there because of the non-availability of the required number of railway wagons for the transportation of grains for distribution amongst the drought hit people;
- (b) if so, the States which have been requesting the railways for making available the wagons for the immediate transportation of foodgrains;
- (c) the reasons for not making available the required number of wagons; and
- (d) the steps being taken to make available the wagons for the immediate transportation of foodgrains to the different States?

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 and welfare schemes, as per the programme given by the Food Corporation of India (FCI). Railways coordinate with FCI to ensure availability of adequate foodgrains.