

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3455
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USES OF 60 KG. TO 90 KG. UTS RAILS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether doubts have been raised in the uses of 60 kg. to 90 kg. UTS rails on the broad gauge lines being brittle and susceptible to rails breakages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Railways to ensure safety?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. 60Kg. 90UTS (Ultimate Tensile Strength) rails have been adopted in view of increasing traffic density, axle load and speed.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The established system of rail testing, inspection and maintenance of track on Indian Railway are being followed for all rail tracks including 60Kg. 90UTS rail track, to ensure safety.