

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MANIPULATION IN WEIGHT OF PARCEL AT DELHI RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are 32 Weight Inspectors posted against sanction strength of 8 only at Delhi Railway station;
- (b) whether Weight Inspectors posted at Delhi Railway station are manipulating in weight of parcel/cargo to give undue favour to the private contractors;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the guilty officials;
- (e) whether brake vans have been given on hired basis to the private contractors on Magazine rate @ Rs. 3/- per kg; and
- (f) if so, the loss suffered every day by the Railways on this account?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no such post of Weight Inspector at Delhi Railway station.
- (b) to (d): Does not arise.
- (e) and (f): To give thrust to parcel traffic, it has been decided to lease out brake vans of all passenger carrying trains. Further to prevent empty running of brake vans where occupation is below 25% of space, Zonal Railways have been empowered to quote rates according market conditions. The lowering of rates has been permitted to attract traffic in such trains where brake vans are running empty and there is no loss involved.