

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:829  
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SUPPLY OF DEFECTIVE STEEL  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the quality of rails supplied by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) has not been found upto the required standard;
- (b) if so, the way out found to ensure good quality of rails from BSP;
- (c) whether the rails have been found defective despite the Director General, Supplies and Disposal inspected the rails supplied to Railways before their despatch;
- (d) if so, the action taken against the officials found dereliction of their duties; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to ensure the purchase of quality goods?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): Some rails supplied by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) were found not conforming to specifications. Railway has been regularly interacting with BSP for improvement of quality of rails. Latest improvements brought out are: on line ultrasonic testing, eddy current testing, vacuum degassing and setting up a revised Quality Assurance Programme.

The cases of despatch of rails not conforming to specifications were reported to Director General Supplies & Disposal for necessary action.

The inspection of rails has been transferred under M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services w.e.f. 1.4.01.