

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NON AVAILABILITY OF RAKES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to mismanagement and non-availability of rakes, Railway freight traffic has suffered significantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the system and also to ensure of availability of rakes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) No, Sir. There has been no mismanagement of rakes and due to non-availability of rakes, Railway freight has not suffered.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Steps have been taken to improve terminal management system and wagon turn round. Intensive monitoring through the use of Freight Operation Information System (FOIS) of the rakes at the terminals and review of pattern of examination of the rakes have helped railways in improving the availability of rakes. In addition, based on the projection of traffic in the next financial year, plan for acquisition of additional wagons and locos are also made out. Planning and implementation of capacity enhancement works are being given priority. Improvement in sectional capacity and terminal capacity have helped in increasing availability of rakes for freight loading.