

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DUMPING OF THE MATERIALS AT RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the powder of iron ore is being dumped in some of the Railway Stations near Bellary in Karnataka notwithstanding the pollution and environmental norms;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to stop such dumping of the materials at the Stations;
- (c) whether the SWR, Hubli has received any specific complaints regarding such dumping of iron ore powder at Molkalmur Railway Station in Bellary District of Karnataka being a silk industrial town; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by Railways to stop such dumping and stock piling of this material causing pollution and environmental hazards?.

Answer

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

- (a) After notification of Molakalmur station for outward Goods traffic some consigners who wanted to consign iron ore dumped some quantity of iron ore for preparing loading platform. No pollution or environmental norms have been violated by Railways. Loading has so far not started.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Water sprinkling, barricading and tree plantation along the Railway boundary has been planned to contain the dust when iron ore loading commences from this station.