

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1347
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007
CEMENT, STEEL, COAL TRANSPORTATION
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of share of Railways in cement, steel and coal transportation during the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been increase in Railways share in cement and steel transportation in the first quarter of 2006 in comparison to percentage of transportation of said commodities in the same quarters in 2003-04;
- (c) if so, the factors that attributed to this increase;
- (d) whether Railways have also examined percentage of railway traffic in case of other commodities in the first quarter of 2006; and
- (e) if so, details of comparative chart in the same period?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1347 BY SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.03.2007 REGARDING CEMENT, STEEL, COAL TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Sir, the details of Railway loading as percentage of Domestic Production plus Imports in respect of cement, steel and coal during the last three years are as follows:

Commodity (In percent)
2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

Coal 65.74 65.94 66.29
Cement 39.89 40.87 41.40
Iron & Steel 35.22# 35.28# 36.86#

(b)

Loading in million tonnes

Apr-Jun 06-07 (P) Apr-Jun 03-04

Cement 18.52 12.71
Pig iron & 4.70 3.19
finished steel
from steel
plants

(c) Various schemes introduced by Indian Railways like Traditional Empty Flow Direction Freight Discount Scheme, Loyalty Discount Scheme, Long Term Special Incentive Scheme, Mini Rake , Two Point Rake Scheme, increase in carrying capacity of wagons and faster turn round are responsible for this growth.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e)

(In percent)
Year 03-04 04-05 05-06 05-06 (P) 06-07 (P)
Apr-June Apr-June

Commodity

Coal 65.74 65.94 66.29 76.57# 79.26#
Cement 39.89 40.87 41.40 40.49# 47.55#
Iron & Steel 35.22# 35.28# 36.86# 32.51# 40.24#
Fertilizers 67.77 74.29 74.01 75.23 80.58
POL 25.87 24.74 25.04 27.38 24.57

- Excluding Imports.

P - Provisional.