

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have entered into an agreement with a private sector company for transportation of coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether on the one hand Railways have entered into an agreement with a private sector company for transportation of coal on the other hand Coal India Limited is facing acute shortage of wagons for transportation of coal;
- (d) whether the shortage of wagons to Coal India Limited is likely to become more acute after Railways entering into an agreement with the private sector; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to remove the shortage of wagons to the Coal India Limited for transportation of coal ?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Railways have entered into an agreement with Rosa Power Supply Company Limited for transportation of coal to the tune of 2.7 million tones per annum for 25 years.
- (c) to (e) No, Sir. Railways are supplying wagons to coal companies as per demand and linkage. There are however, temporary shortfalls.