

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3150
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NON-AVAILABILITY OF WAGONS FOR EXPORT TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received representation from, Amritsar Exporter Chamber of Commerce, Amritsar regarding non-availability of wagons for export to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to provide the requisite wagons to the exporters?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The representation is regarding non- availability of goods wagons for loading to Pakistan at Amritsar.

(c): Since acceptance of traffic by Pakistan is limited and there is a high level of demand from exporters for loading to Pakistan, Indian Railway is constrained to regulate loading to Pakistan under a quota system. In this system, the rakes are allotted to the exporters on all India basis as per turn and priority.