

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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USE OF SOFT STONE INSTEAD OF HARD STONE IN JABALPUR ZONE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether soft stone concrete is being supplied and used in place of hard stone concrete at Beena-Katni section under Jabalpur zone in West Central Railway;
- (b) if so, whether a manually crushed concrete is being used in place of machine crushed concrete in violation of the rules regarding concrete manufacturing;
- (c) the reasons for not recovering 'dead rent' from the contractors whose stocks were rejected;
- (d) whether the rail specification No. 101 is being followed;
- (e) if so, whether the quality of rail line concrete has been checked at Beena-Katni rail section; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir. Soft stone ballast is not being used in Bina-Katni section of West Central Railway.
- (b) : No, Sir.
- (c): As per the records, no ballast stack was rejected; therefore the question of recovering 'dead rent' from the contractors, does not arise.
- (d) to (f): The latest specification for track ballast is followed. The quality of track ballast is tested accordingly and action is taken as per the results of various parameters specified in the specification.