

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

TRANSPORTATION OF COAL

4338. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the train shortage in India has left about 10 power stations without pare coal supplies and if so, the details of trains provided for supply of coal during the last three years;**
- (b) whether the Government is considering to provide more number of rakes to supply coal and in turn earn more revenue; and**
- (c) if so, the details of new rakes being procured for transportation of coal?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) : No, Madam.

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(b) : Keeping in view the critical importance of coal in the national economy, this segment is accorded a higher priority in supply of rakes over other bulk commodities. Coal loading has increased from 369.4 rakes/day in 2016-17 (April-February) to 383.8 rakes/day in 2017-18 (April-February). During February 2018, Indian Railway loaded 431.4 rakes/day against 407.2 rakes/day in February 2016.

(c) : Transportation of coal is predominantly done in BOXN and BOBR type of open wagons. During 2017-18 (upto February 2018), 4,358 BOXN and 667 BOBR wagons have been inducted by Indian Railways. As on 01.03.2018, there are pending orders of 4,155 BOXN and 362 BOBR type of wagons with wagon manufacturers.
