

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COAL
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

Transportation and Wagon Loading

2446. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the transportation and wagon loading of coal from the coal mining areas to its destination has been hampered in several States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on coal supply and the expenditure incurred on such operations during each of the last three years; State-wise;
- (c) whether the Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries have incurred losses on this account; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, COAL AND MINES

(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Railways informed that Railways is supplying rakes for transportation of coal as per demands placed by coal companies/consumers. Disruptions in coal movement sometimes arise on account of various factors like disruption in traffic flows, congestion on select routes and terminals, etc. and are addressed in real time. During the current financial year (01st April to 14th Dec 2022), coal loading by Indian Railways to all sectors have been average 497.6 rakes/day which is 14.1 % more than the corresponding period of 2021-22.

Coal companies dispatch coal as per freight on board (FOB) basis after the weighment of coal at Rail & road weighbridges. Consumers have the option of transporting coal through rail, road, or captive modes (Merry Go Round (MGR), Belt & Rope) of their choice. As a result, after the coal leaves the premises of coal companies Mines/Sidings after being weighed, it is on the individual consumer to transport it to its final destination. Coal companies has no further part in this process.
