

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1401  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**DEDICATED RAIL RAKES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GYPSUM  
ACCUMULATION IN ODISHA**

**1401. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has considered providing dedicated rail rakes for the transportation of gypsum accumulation from Paradip in Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the reasons for not providing adequate rail rakes for this purpose, despite the potential for increased revenue generation; and**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce specialized freight trains or logistics corridors to address the growing gypsum stockpile at Paradip and to facilitate more efficient transportation of the mineral to various destinations, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING  
AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): Gypsum is loaded in rakes having both covered and open wagons like BCN group, BOXN group & BOST wagons from Paradeep, Odisha. Adequate rakes are made available as and when required.**

**Further, to increase the carrying capacity of railway lines leading to Paradeep, following projects have recently been sanctioned:**

- 1. Paradeep-Badabandha 3rd & 4th line.**
- 2. Flyover between Siju and Paradeep Coaching Yard.**

**3. Flyover at Haridaspur.**

**In addition, following surveys have also been sanctioned for capacity enhancement in the area:**

**1. Paradeep-Haridaspur Doubling (80 km)**

**2. Flyover at Cuttack (40 km)**

**3. Cuttack-Badabandha 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> line (72 km)**

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