

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

**IRREGULARITIES IN RAILWAY RAKES**

**2849. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:**

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

- (a) complaints of illegal activities reported in the last three years during mineral dispatch in railway rakes;**
- (b) whether illegal activities are being committed during dispatch of minerals in railway rakes due to absence of light and electronic surveillance system at night;**
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to minimize illegal activities; and**
- (d) if not, the details regarding night surveillance system available to prevent such issues?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**( SHRI MANOJ SINHA )**

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2849 BY SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2015 REGARDING IRREGULARITIES IN RAILWAY RAKES**

**(a): The number of complaints of illegal activities reported during mineral dispatch in railway rakes over Indian Railway in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 is as under:-**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of complaints of illegal activities in mineral dispatch in railway rakes reported</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>18</b>

**(b): No, Madam.**

**(c): Does not arise.**

**(d): The following steps are taken to prevent theft/ illegal activities by the Railways:-**

- 1. Adequate lighting arrangements are made available at yards, goods loading and unloading points of railway rakes.**
- 2. Rakes carrying minerals are being provided with Railway Protection Force (RPF) escorts in affected rail sections.**
- 3. RPF personnel with dragon lights are deployed during night at yards to prevent theft.**
- 4. RPF officers /staff conduct rounds to check the crime during night hours.**
- 5. Picketing/ ambush watch in yard are conducted to detect any irregularities.**
- 6. Seal checking is done to find out any irregularities over the wagon/ rakes.**
- 7. Regular co-ordination meetings are conducted and intelligence inputs are shared with Government Railway Police and Civil Police.**