

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

REDUCTION IN USE OF PAPER

+517. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quantum of paper used in Railways per year, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether Railways has formulated any scheme to curtail the use of paper so that cutting of trees to manufacture paper may be reduced;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the concrete measures adopted by the Government to cut down the use of paper at large scale in Indian Railways?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.517 BY SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING REDUCTION IN USE OF PAPER

(a): The details of quantum of paper used in Railways, printing presses per year, Zone-wise are as under. These are in turn used by other Zones (which do not have printing press):-

Railways	Paper consumed (Year 2014-15)
	All Items (Metric Tonnes)
Central Railway	424.50
Eastern Railway	462
Northern Railway	362
North Eastern Railway	222
Northeast Frontier Railway	136
Southern Railway	300
South Central Railway	527
South Eastern Railway	122
Western Railway	505
North Western Railway	47.49

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Railway uses paper made as per IS 1848 wherein the pulp should be made from material containing not less than 60% other than bamboo, hard wood, soft wood and reed OR pulp should be made 100% from waste paper.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Railway has started e-procurement and e-auction. This has resulted in paperless transaction in activities in which paper was required.
