

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STEEL

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.637**  
FOR ANSWER ON 07/02/2022

**SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY RACKS**

637. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steel plants located in Eastern part of the country are hit by severe shortage of railway racks causing disruption in the supply chain, if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government to restore normalcy; and

(b) whether this issue has been taken up with the Railways Ministry to ensure no such recurrence of shortage of railway racks for the steel industry and, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI RAM CHANDRA PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): Generally, there is no shortage of rakes for iron ore since there are dedicated fleets to carry iron ore. However, an increase in demand for rakes by steel sector and power sector has resulted in shortage of rakes on some occasions which is sorted out and resolved through discussions with the Railways.

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