

- (vi) Intensive publicity campaigns to prevent the travelling public from carrying inflammable goods are regularly undertaken.
- (vii) Two separate Fire Safety Audit Teams have been constituted recently to plan safety audit in selective stations, coaching depots and workshops, etc.

Revenue loss in iron ore transport operations

1849. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether several cases of misleading declarations by iron ore consignees / consigners were detected by Railways in iron ore transport operations;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with names of such companies / groups and the action taken by Railways against such fraudulent companies / persons.
- (c) whether Government accepts that Railways lost sizeable amount of revenue because of its faulty policy of pricing for iron transportation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such a faulty policy; and
- (e) the details of control, monitoring and verification mechanism by Railways to prevent such instances of revenue loss in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Name of companies / Groups on whom Demand-cum-Show -Cause notices have been served for misleading declarations in iron ore transportation:

Sl. No.	Name of Company
1.	M/s. Rashmi Metaliks Limited
2.	M/s. Rashmi Cement Limited
3.	M/s. M. B. Ispat Corporation Limited

Sl. No.	Name of Company
4.	M/s. Aryavrata Steel Private Limited
5.	M/s. Gagan Ferrotech Private Limited
6.	M/s. Rashmi Ispat Limited
7.	M/s. Maa Chhinnamastika Sponge Pvt Limited
8.	M/s. Ankit Metal and Power Limited
9.	M/s. Electro Steel Casting Limited
10.	M/s. Neo Metaliks Limited
11.	M/s. Haldia Steel Limited
12.	M/s. Shyamsel and Power Ltd
13.	M/s. Vishal Sponge Pvt Limited
14.	M/s. Atibir Industries Co. Ltd.
15.	M/s. Ramswarup Lohh Udyog
16.	M/s. Mark Steels Limited
17.	M/s. Essar Steel Pvt. Ltd.
18.	M/s. KIOCL Limited

According to available information, cases of misleading declarations by iron ore consignees / consignor, detected by Railways and referred to the CBI through the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), are still under investigation. Demand-cum-show cause notices have also been served by Railways on those who prima facie appear to have submitted misleading declarations.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. In fact, with a view to reduce input cost for domestic steel manufacturing units and to garner additional freight revenue from transportation of iron ore for export, the revised policy regime for iron ore was

introduced. This tariff policy has yielded significant dividends in terms of freight revenue generation. Moreover, instances of misleading declaration by select consignor / consignees are being dealt in accordance with the relevant provisions of the extant policy.

(e) Existing provisions are considered adequate for dealing with cases of misleading declaration by delinquent firms. Railway Administration has progressively straightened its control, monitoring and verification mechanism.

Railway projects in NER

1850.. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of announcements made in regard to the development of rail network and infrastructure in North-Eastern region in the Railway Budgets since 2009-10 including current financial year;

(b) the project-wise present status of Railway Budget announcements along with year-wise achievement made and target set for completion of each project; and

(c) the reasons for inordinate delay in execution of Railway Budget announced projects since 2009-10 including current financial year for NER and steps taken by Government to expedite implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY) : (a) to (c) Based on announcements made since 2009-10 in Railway Budget, following New Line Gauge Conversion and Doubling railway projects have been sanctioned in North Eastern Region and their present status is as under:-

Sl. No.	Year of inclusion	Name of the Project	Present Status
1	2	3	4
1.	2009-10		Nil