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RTI. Railway Scrap/ 2013

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Chairman,
Railway Board
Rail Bhavan
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Furnishing of Information under the Right to Information Act 2005 regarding
Volume of Railway Scrap awaiting disposal on various Divisions of the IR

It is observed that various items/ancillaries used in the operation of trains such as wooden Sleepers, Steel Sleepers, rusted railway tracks which are piled in heaps at various sidings and stations of the Indian Railway are awaiting disposal. Consequent upon the introduction of Cement Sleepers, use of wooden and Steel sleepers has been discontinued and they are piled in heaps at various sidings of the IR. Callous/ indifferent attitude on the part of the IR Administration in their ~~non~~ disposal over the years is shocking. Items of scrap made of steel such as steel sleepers and railway tracks, coaches etc undergo rusting due to atmospheric factors. This reduces their scrap value. Reduction in the Scrap Value of Steel Sleepers and allied items used by the Railway is a National-Loss.

2. In this connection I wish to draw the attention of the Railway Administration towards an appeal that was made by it to the commuters who were urged to desist from any action that would result in damage to the coaches. The appeal was painted inside the coaches of the trains and read as "This carriage is the property of the Indian Nation. Your Co-operation is earnestly solicited in preserving it from misuse and damage". However as mentioned above as the Officials of various Divisions are not taking any

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steps in the direction of disposal of the scrap , the Indian Railway is being deprived of revenue to the tune of many thousand Crores of Rupees. The Rly Officials do not seem to be serious in ensuring compliance of the appeal made by them to the passengers.

3. In view of the Financial Crisis which the Indian Railway is facing and which has resulted in it's raising fares on 4 occasions in last one year, it is necessary to undertake without further delay disposal of the items of scrap accumulated at various Divisions of the IR. This will provide many thousand Crores of Rupees to the IR for executing development projects without burdening the honest commuters.

I request you to furnish me information as per the enclosed format of the RTI.

Yours faithfully,



(Ramchandra.S.Karve)

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