

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2041
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

KISAN TRAINS

2041. # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kisan Trains being operated in the country;
- (b) the number of Kisan Trains being operated in Gujarat;
- (c) whether the subsidy is being provided by Railways to transport agricultural products through these trains; and
- (d) if so, the total amount of subsidy being provided and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Up to 30th November 2022, Indian Railways have operated 2,359 trips of Kisan Rail trains on 167 routes wherein approximately 7.91 lakh Tonnes of consignments have been transported. Out of these, 62 Kisan trains have originated from Gujarat.

(c) & (d): Up to 31.3.2022, 50 % subsidy in freight was granted by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) for transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan rail, which was not continued further. Thereafter, Railways have been continuing with the subsidy, at a rate of 45%. This subsidy is presently applicable till 31.01.2023.

During 2020-21, Railways disbursed ₹ 27.79 crore as subsidy which was reimbursed by MoFPI. During 2021-22, Railways disbursed ₹ 121.86 crores as subsidy, out of which only ₹ 50 crore was reimbursed by MoFPI. During the current year up to 30.11.2022, Railways have disbursed ₹ 4 crore as subsidy.
