

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3299**  
**ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025**

**DEDICATED REFRIGERATED WAGONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

3299. SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry received a request from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution regarding the deployment of trains with refrigerated wagons for onion transportation, if so, the steps taken by the Ministry;
- (b) the number of refrigerated wagons currently operated by the Ministry including the details of the agricultural items transported using these wagons;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for improving cold storage infrastructure in Indian Railways; and
- (d) the measures being taken to ensure availability of adequate rail infrastructure and cold storage logistics to support large-scale transportation of agricultural products?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Indian Railway is providing rail based refrigerated container services through Container Corporation (CONCOR) to facilitate movement of cargo that requires temperature-controlled environment, including fruits and vegetables. During 2023-24, a total of 27,771 refrigerated containers were moved through Rail by CONCOR.

The temperature controlled storage facilities of CONCOR have been established at Nashik, New Azadpur, Dadri and Sonipat at a total investment of about Rs 129 crore.

For bulk transportation of onions, covered wagons are already being utilized over Indian Railways. 271 onion rakes were loaded during 2023-24.

However, no request has been received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution regarding the deployment of trains with refrigerated wagons for onion transportation.

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