

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2334
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**DEDICATED PARCEL TRAINS FOR E-COMMERCE
AND PERISHABLE GOODS**

2334. SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry will consider introducing dedicated parcel trains for e-commerce and perishable goods to improve logistics efficiency in Odisha; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Indian Railways has a dedicated system for carrying parcels across the country in coaches designed for the purpose – such as Parcel Vans (VPs/VPUs/VPHs), Brake Vans (SLRs), general coaches (GS), modified general coaches (NMG/NMGH/NMGHS) and Assistant Guard's Cabin (AGC), and Parcel Express Trains (scheduled services, leased services and on demand services) etc. IR offers parcel services for the transportation of various types of goods, including e-commerce items, perishables, general merchandise, industrial raw materials, machinery, consumer goods, and more.

Under the Joint Parcel Product-Rapid Cargo Service (JPP-RCS) policy, 08 pairs of scheduled (time tabled) services are operating between specific locations which have been planned on the basis of market demand and operational feasibility. Under the scheme empanelled parcel aggregators book full parcel vans through a well established online 'Virtual Aggregation Platform' (VAP) developed by IR.

In order to popularize these services, the scheme has been liberalized. The financial eligibility criteria for registration as Aggregator has been withdrawn and the empanelment fee has been revised to Rs 10,000/- .

Besides, the financial eligibility criteria for participation in e-auction of leased parcel space (SLR, VP) and for tender of leased parcel train has been removed.

Full parcel trains are planned on specific routes taking into consideration, the demand received from the stakeholders and the operational feasibility. Introduction of dedicated parcel trains for e-commerce and perishable goods in Odisha shall be considered when such a demand is projected.
