

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2017**

ADDITIONAL FREIGHT TRAINS

4430. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways have stepped in to quickly transport the bumper harvest of the famed red Nashik onions by operating additional freight trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to operate such trains in other parts of the country particularly Kota where there is excess production of garlic and tomatoes; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

- (a) Yes, Madam. Indian Railways has taken adequate steps in this regard.**
- (b) During 2016-17 (April 2016- February 2017), total 316 rakes were loaded for Onions as against 191 rakes loaded during the same period in 2015-16, registering an increase of 65.4%.**
- (c) & (d): No indent has been placed or pending for loading of Garlic and Tomatoes.**
