

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

REFRIGERATED PARCEL VANS

759. SHRI JOSE K. MANI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced refrigerated van service to facilitate transportation of perishable commodities like vegetables, fruits, milk products, meat/poultry, etc.;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of routes on which such vans are operational and their usage statistics;**
- (c) whether it is fact that most of the vans are lying defunct and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the efforts taken by the Ministry to capture the traffic of perishable goods and expand the network of refrigerated vans?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. 9 Refrigerated vans are available over Indian Railways. At present 03 Refrigerated Vans are available for service and balance 06 Refrigerated Vans are undergoing maintenance schedules in Workshop/Open lines. However, due to lack of demand, these Refrigerated Vans had gone in disuse resulting in inoperative Refrigeration system.

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During the current financial year i.e. 2017-18, 14 Refrigerated Vans were loaded from Yashantpur to Gorakhpur and 04 Refrigerated Vans from Palanpur to HTTP (Hind Terminal Private Limited) generating revenue of ₹ 33.24 lakhs.

Efforts are being made to capture the traffic by the Zonal Railways by conducting meetings with trade and industry, stakeholders etc.
