

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3981
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

RAKE POINTS FOR SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS

**3981. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA:
SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rake points for the supply of fertilizers for the farmers lacks basic infrastructural facilities in the State of Odisha like platforms, covered sheds, electricity and approach road;**
- (b) if so, whether the Railways will take up the matter on priority for providing the basic infrastructure at the fertilizer Rake points in the entire State of Odisha; and**
- (c) the time by which the infrastructural facilities are likely to be provided for the benefit of farmers particularly by way of allowing the complete rake to move towards the rake point at Rairangpur?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) & (b) Infrastructural upgrading/modernisation of rake points in the country including Odisha is a need based ongoing process subject to commercial justification, operational requirement, technical feasibility and resource availability.**
- (c) Presently, half rake of fertilizer is being handled at Rairangpur. Feasibility of handling of full rake will be considered once traffic builds up subject to operational and technical feasibility. Therefore, no time frame can be given at present.**
