GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 409
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

KISAN RAIL SERVICE

†*409. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kisan rails being run in the country at present and the routes on which the said trains are being operationalised;

(b) whether kisan rail service is being run under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the funds being spent for the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) to (c): Since the launch of first Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020 and up to 01st March 2023, Indian Railways have operated approximately 2,364 Kisan Rail services on 167 routes across the country.

Kisan Rail services have been operated by Indian Railways, as scheduled services as well as on demand basis.

During 2020-21 and 2021-22, 50% subsidy in freight was granted by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) for transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan Rail. During 2020-21, Railways disbursed ₹27.79 crore which was reimbursed by MoFPI. During 2021-22, Railways disbursed ₹121.86 crores as subsidy, out of which ₹50 crores was reimbursed by MoFPI. The subsidy was discontinued by MoFPI w.e.f. 01.04.2022. However, Railways have during the current year up to 01st March 2023, disbursed approximately ₹4 crore as subsidy at the rate of 45%.

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