GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

FERTILIZER RAKE POINTS

*89. SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK: SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fertilizer rake points which have all necessary infrastructure like platform, covered shed, electricity, approach roads for trucks etc. that are available in various parts of the country, Statewise including the State of Odisha;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for creation of such infrastructure during each of the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether supply of fertilizers and its distribution has been affected due to non-availability and poor infrastructure at rake points and if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any audit in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry is likely to ensure that proper approach road with necessary electrification be done and if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the facilities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 BY SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK AND SHRI MAHESH SAHOO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING FERTILIZER RAKE POINTS

(a) There are about 964 rake points handling fertilizers on Indian Railways which are spread all over the country. A list of rake points, State-wise, which handles loading or unloading of fertilizers is appended.

(b) & (e) Creation or strengthening of infrastructure facilities at rake points in the country is a need based ongoing process. The addition or improvements in such rake points is also subject to operational or site feasibility. For improvements in infrastructure facilities, like approach road, adequate lightings for night handling of cargo, covered shed, high level platforms, labour facilities etc. works are sanctioned in the Budget from time to time. Presently, railways do not maintain Statewise data exclusively for rake point works. Rake point works are one of the many works undertaken under traffic facilities works (PH-16). Only railway wise data for each plan head are maintained.

(c) & (d) Transportation of fertilizers is done by Railways as per the requirement of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. There has been no report from Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers that supply of fertilizers and its distribution has been affected.

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APPENDIX REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 89 BY SHRIMATI RAJASHREE MALLICK AND SHRI MAHESH SAHOO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING FERTILIZER RAKE POINTS

Name of State/UT	No. of Fertilizer Rake Points
Andhra Pradesh	48
Assam	36
Bihar	57
Chandigarh	1
Chhattisgarh	31
Dadar & Nagar Haveli	3
Daman & Diu	2
Delhi	1
Goa	1
Gujrat	38
Haryana	35
Himachal Pradesh	6
Jammu and Kashmir	23
Jharkhand	17
Karnataka	43
Kerala	21
Madhya Pradesh	83
Maharashtra	92
Manipur	1
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	1
Odisha	36
Puducherry	1
Punjab	59
Rajasthan	72
Tamil Nadu	36
Telangana	29
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	131
Uttrakhand	11
West Bengal	45
Total	964

State /UT-wise Fertilizers Rake Points