## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 591 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

#### **KISAN RAIL SCHEME**

#### 591. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sent a proposal for inclusion of de-oiled rice bran, maize, jowar, wheat (raw materials used for production of cattle feed) in the Kisan Rail Scheme ;

(b) if so, the details of the status of the proposal along with the details of the estimated cost-benefit analysis for this transition;

(c) whether the said cost benefit is estimated to the tune of 50% which could be passed on to the dairy farmers, particularly in the State of Kerala where dairy industry is prominent;

(d) whether the proposal has been forwarded to the Railways for the inclusion of raw materials for cattle feed under the scheme;

(e) if so, whether the Railways has accepted the proposal; and

(f) if so, the stipulated deadline by which the Railways is likely to implement the said proposal?

#### ANSWER

### MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591 BY SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING KISAN RAIL SCHEME.

(a) to (f): Kisan Rail scheme has been introduced to promote speedy transportation of perishable commodities including fruits & vegetables etc. from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions. As such, the proposal received from the Government of Kerala is not covered under the scheme.

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