

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

KISAN RAILS

640. DR. TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of activities of Kisan rails run so far since its inspection;**
- (b) whether the 50% transport subsidy to Kisan rails has been discontinued;**
- (c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to continue Kisan rails for the benefit of the farmers to transport their products like fruits and vegetables?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640 BY DR. TALARI RANGAIAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING KISAN RAILS.

(a) to (c): Since the inception of Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020 and upto 15th November 2023, Railways have operated 2,364 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately 7.93 lakh tonnes of perishables. The 50% subsidy on transportation of fruits and vegetables through Kisan rail continued till 31.03.2022. Thereafter 45% subsidy was given by Ministry of Railways.

(d) Potential circuits for movement of vegetables, fruits and other perishables are identified in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/ Fisheries Departments of State Governments as well as local bodies and agencies, Mandis etc., and on the basis of operational feasibility, Kisan Rail services are run.
