GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2757 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019

e-COMMERCE CONSIGNMENT

2757. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways wish to start e-Commerce consignment in non-peak hours;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the programme of action to extend it in different places?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c) A pilot project was launched to study the feasibility of using Railways' parcel service for e-tail players under which Amazon India has been provided 2.5 tonnes space in the SLR/Break Van under Guard's charge for loading/unloading of consignments, in 12314/12313 New Delhi-Sealdah Rajdhani Express and 12952/12951 New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express trains. Moreover, in Sealdah-Dankuni section over Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, movement of 7 tonne consignment of Amazon India through suburban train (EMU) during non-peak hours, has been permitted as a pilot project for a period of three months initially. Detailed guidelines will be formulated based on the outcome of the Pilot Project.
