

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

SETTING UP OF KISAN RAIL

**2159. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
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SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has proposed to set up the Kisan Rail through PPP Model and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has planned to build a cold supply chain for perishables by starting the Express and Freight trains having refrigerated coaches and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways has proposed to set up large solar power alongside rail tracks on the land owned by railways;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the blueprint of the scheme;**
- (e) whether the Railways has proposed to start more Tejas type trains to connect iconic tourist destinations and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2159 BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO, SHRI NIHAL CHAND, SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA, SHRI BHOLA SINGH, SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR, DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY, SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK AND DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING SETTING UP OF KISAN RAIL

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Based on Budget announcement for 2020-21, a Committee has been formed under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, which includes representative from Ministry of Railways also, to work out the modalities of Kisan Rail.

(c) and (d): Ministry of Railways is planning for installation of solar panels on unutilized Railway land for meeting its energy needs for both traction and non-traction purpose. So far, a total of 3 MW has already been set up on railway's unused land. Further, action taken for installation of Solar power projects on unused Railway land are as follows:

- (i) 50 MW at Bhilai through Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMCL) in South East Central Railway**
- (ii) 1.7 MW at Sukhi Siwania in West Central Railway**
- (iii) 2 MW at Diwana in Northern Railway**

The solar power so generated, shall be evacuated to proliferate either by connecting it to Grid or feeding it directly to 25 Kilo Volt (kV) Alternating Current (AC) Traction System.

In addition to above, IR is further planning to proliferate land based solar power on unused vacant Railway land having no commercial value or future infrastructure requirement once above pilot projects

are commissioned successfully. Blue Print for implementation of the project on larger scale is still under preparation.

(e) and (f): At present, 04 pairs of Tejas Express services are operating over Indian Railways system. Two of these namely 22671/22672 Chennai Egmore – Madurai Jn Tejas Express and 22119/22120 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal –Karmali Tejas Express are being run by Indian Railways and while the other two namely 82501/82502 Lucknow-New Delhi Tejas Express and 82901/82902 Mumbai Central-Ahmedabad Tejas Express are being operated by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Besides, in the Union Budget 2020-21, introduction of Tejas type trains connecting iconic tourist destinations, have been announced.
