

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1578
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

PARCEL BUSINESS

† 1578. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has focused on parcel business which is important for small traders like farmers and businessmen;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the promotion of the said business is likely to attract the export traffic going towards ports in various sectors; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(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. 1578 BY SHRI RODMAL NAGAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING PARCEL BUSINESS.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. In order to provide benefit to parcel customers including farmers and businessmen, Indian Railways have taken a series of measures which include -

- 1. Opening of all freight handling terminals for handling of parcel traffic.**
- 2. Formation of dedicated teams at zonal and divisional levels for dealing with parcel related issues.**
- 3. Increasing the parcel carrying capacity by permitting attachment of LHB parcel van as 23rd coach and leasing of parcel space in parcel vans attached to Rajdhani/Duronto trains, and allowing booking of parcels upto 120 days in advance**
- 4. Providing incentives to parcel traffic by reducing security deposit in case of leased parcel space from 10% to 5% of the annual contractual value, discount upto 30% on brake-vans and indented parcel vans/Parcel Cargo Express Trains (PCET) in case their utilization is less than 40%, 8% discount on base freight for parcel special trains indented and loaded with a composition of 24 parcel vans plus brake-van, and discount in advance bulk booking of parcel space.**
- 5. Operating Kisan Rail services to enable farmers to move perishables including fruits and vegetables from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions. 50% subsidy in freight, which is borne by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), is being granted on transportation of fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail services.**

So far, 24 rakes of export traffic have been sent to Bangladesh. Besides, Zonal Railways have been advised to explore the avenues available in export sector and identify potential traffic that can be moved to Ports through Railways.
