GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 333 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

PRIVATISATION OF FREIGHT CORRIDOR

333. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after allowing private players to run passenger trains, Indian Railways is going to open two freight corridors to private operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) has started the process in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of routes and trains allowed to be operated by private operators; and

(f) the future plan for privatisation of freight corridors and passenger trains and the extent to which this process is likely to adversely affect the railway employees?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): At present, Indian Railways will be the sole operator of freight trains on Dedicated Freight Corridor network.

(c) to (e): Question does not arise at this stage.

(f): As of now, there is no plan for privatization of freight corridors and passenger trains.

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