

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3632
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

BLOCKADE OF TRAINS

3632. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind blockade of trains carrying essential supplies to Punjab since October, 2020; and**
- (b) the plans to compensate for blockade of essential supplies to Punjab that caused hindrance to everyday life of common people?**

ANSWER

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

(a) Running of freight trains to and through Punjab was severely affected from 1st October, 2020 to 22nd November, 2020 due to the 'Rail Roko' agitation in Punjab.

(b) Railways continued to run trains to the freight terminals of neighbouring states from where part of the essential supplies for Punjab could be transported through road. Railways have fully geared up to completely meet the freight demand for/from the terminals of Punjab after commencement of services on 23rd November, 2020.
