

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 403
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

KISAN RAIL YOJANA

**†403. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
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SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains being run in the country under Kisan Rail Yojana;**
- (b) whether any Kisan Rail is proposed to be run via Danapur-Patna and Andhra Pradesh for the convenience of the farmers, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether Railways has introduced Kisan Rails through PPP arrangements for seamless National Cold Supply Chain for perishables, if so, the details thereof, including the distance covered and stoppages;**
- (d) the details and schedule of Kisan Rails introduced and running till date and the number of Kisan Rails likely to be introduced during the current financial year and the chargeable rates (Freight per Tonne) for major pair of stations;**
- (e) the quantum of multi commodities transported so far, including fruits and vegetables;**

(f) the number of Reefer Rail Containers procured, the number of Refrigerated Parcel Vans procured and the details of Temperature controlled perishable Cargo Centres commissioned so far; and

(g) the initiatives of Railways for increasing food chain supply so that farmers get proper market and higher prices for their produce?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 403 BY SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV, SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY, SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY, KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE, SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT AND SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING KISAN RAIL YOJANA

(a) to (g): Under the Kisan Rail Project, Railways have so far operated Kisan Rail services on the following routes which includes Patna-Danapur and stations of Andhra Pradesh:

- 1. Devlali/Sangola (Maharashtra) to Danapur/Muzaffarpur (Bihar)**
- 2. Anantpur (Andhra Pradesh) to Adarsh Nagar (Delhi)**
- 3. Yeshwantpur (Karnataka) to Hazrat Nizamuddin (Delhi)**
- 4. Warud/Nagpur (Maharashtra) to Adarsh Nagar (Delhi)**
- 5. Chhindwara (Madhya Pradesh) to Howrah (West Bengal)**
- 6. Sangola (Maharashtra) to Howrah (West Bengal)**
- 7. Sangola (Maharashtra) to Shalimar (West Bengal)**
- 8. Indore (Madhya Pradesh) to New Guwahati (Assam)**
- 9. Ratlam (Madhya Pradesh) to New Guwahati (Assam)**
- 10. Indore (Madhya Pradesh) to Agartala (Tripura)**
- 11. Jalandhar (Punjab) to Jirania (Tripura)**
- 12. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to New Guwahati (Assam)**
- 13. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to Chitpur (West Bengal)**
- 14. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to New Jalpaiguri (Assam)**
- 15. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to Naugachia (Bihar)**
- 16. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to Fatuha (Bihar)**
- 17. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to Baihata (Assam); and**
- 18. Nagarsol (Maharashtra) to Malda Town (West Bengal)**

No Kisan Rails has been introduced through PPP arrangements so far.

Since the launch of first Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020 and upto 22nd January 2021, Indian Railway have operated 157 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately fifty thousand tonnes of perishables including fruits and vegetables.

Potential circuits for movement of vegetables, fruits and other perishables are being identified in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Fisheries Departments of State Governments. The assessment is being done on the basis of seasonal availability of these items, so as to obtain efficiency and economies of scale. Commodities booked via Kisan Rail trains are charged at 'P'-scale of parcel tariff. 50% subsidy in freight, which is borne by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) under the "Operation Greens (TOP to TOTAL)" Scheme, is being granted on transportation of fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail Services.

No Reefer Rail Container or Refrigerated Parcel Van has been procured for this purpose so far. However, temperature controlled Perishable Cargo Centres have been established at Nashik, Singur, New Azadpur, Raja Ka Talab/Varanasi, Ghazipur and Fatuha. In addition, cold storage Reefer Park has been developed at Inland Container Depot, Dadri and a cold storage facility has been established at Rai, Sonipat.

In order to increase food chain supply, Railways have withdrawn the busy season surcharge applicable on food grains, till further orders. Besides, the freight of food grains has been kept stable from 01.04.2015. As a result of these measures the loading of food grains has increased from 27.69 million tonnes during April to December in 2019-2020, to 50.47 million tonnes during corresponding period of 2020-2021. The priority in rake allotment accorded for transportation of food-grains has also been upgraded from 'D' to 'B' category to ensure timely supply of rakes.