

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2934
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

FOOD CHAIN SUPPLY

†2934. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the food chain supply in the whole country;**
- (b) the targets set for the same and the details of achievements made so far;**
- (c) the number of States lined with this supply chain;**
- (d) whether milk is also covered under their supply chain; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2934 BY SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2021 REGARDING FOOD CHAIN SUPPLY

(a) and (b): In order to provide for food and nutritional security by ensuring access to adequate quantity of food at affordable prices to people, Government of India and State Governments run various schemes like PMGKAY, Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Mid-Day Meal, Annapurna, etc. While FCI and agencies of the State Government are involved in procurement and storage of food grains for the above schemes, Railways are involved with transportation of food grains based on the plan given by FCI and agencies of State Government. Railways have taken a number of steps for timely transportation of food grains. These include:

- (i) Running of freight trains on a 24x7 basis**
- (ii) Allotment of adequate rakes for transportation of food grains all over the country**
- (iii) Preference in movement of food by giving Priority 'B' which is the highest priority after military traffic(Priority 'A')**
- (iv) Monitoring movement of these freight trains round the clock at various goods sheds, railway stations and control offices as well as at Railway Board level**

(v) Regular coordination with FCI and State Governments to deliver food grains in a timely manner

As a result of action taken on the above lines, Railways have moved 46.26 MT of food grains during the period April 2021 to November 2021.

(c): All the State Governments and UTs are covered with this supply chain.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. Railways transport milk in Rail Milk Tankers(RMT) which are owned by National Dairy Development Board(NDDDB) or Milk Co-operatives/Federations. Railways haul these tankers as per demand of the concerned Milk Co-operatives/Federations attached with Mail/Express trains. During 2021-22(till 30th Nov), 3905 RMTs have been moved by Indian Railways transporting approximately 1.6 lakh tonnes of milk.
