

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

KISAN RAILS

513. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the classification of the number of Kisan Rails Operational in India, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the number of Kisan Rails is to be increased in the next financial year and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the quantum of goods transported in Kisan Rails categorised based on type of food produce, State-wise;**
- (d) the details of food produce that can be transported via Kisan Rails;**
- (e) whether there is a plan to diversify the list of items and if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether there were difficulties faced during the transportation of goods in Kisan Rails, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (g) the measures taken to make the Kisan Rails more user friendly?**

ANSWER

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

(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. 513 BY SHRI JAYADEV GALLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021 REGARDING KISAN RAILS

(a) to (e): In compliance to the announcement made in Union Budget 2020-21, Kisan Rail trains have been introduced by Indian Railways to enable speedy movement of perishables including fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fishery and dairy products from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions. Kisan Rail services are time tabled as well as demand based.

Since the launch of first Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020 and upto 19th November 2021, Indian Railway have operated 1,586 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately 5.2 lakh tonnes of perishables including onion, banana, potato, garlic, pomegranate, oranges, capsicum, cabbage, cauliflower, and other fruits and vegetables. These services have operated from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Potential circuits for movement of Kisan Rail services are identified in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Fisheries Departments of State Governments as well as local bodies and agencies, *Mandis* etc., and based on demand, rakes are provided on priority for running of Kisan Rail services.

(f) and (g): So far, no difficulties have been faced during the transportation of goods through Kisan rail services. Halts, number of trips and composition of time-tabled Kisan Rail services and introduction of new services are finalized in consultation with farmers and consignors.
