

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 514
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

KISAN RAIL SCHEME

†514. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the major features of the Kisan Rail Scheme;**
- (b) the number of trains being run widely under this scheme across the country and the State-wise details thereof;**
- (c) the details of target set under this scheme along with the achievements made so far;**
- (d) whether trains are being run under this scheme in Rajasthan also;**
- (e) if so, the district-wise details thereof;**
- (f) if not, the time by when the Government proposes to run these trains; and**
- (g) whether this scheme has proved to be a boon to the farmers across the country during COVID-19 and if so, the details thereof?**

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. 514 BY SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021 REGARDING KISAN RAIL SCHEME

(a) to (c): 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 enables farmers to utilize the vast railway network to gain access to distant, bigger and more lucrative markets. It is based on the concept of multi commodity, multi consignor, multi consignee and multi stoppages. There is no minimum limit on quantity that can be booked, enabling small farmers to reach bigger and distant markets. Commodities booked via Kisan Rail trains are charged at 'P'-scale of parcel tariff.

Since the launch of first Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020 and upto 19th November 2021, Indian Railways have operated 1,586 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately 5.2 lakh tonnes of perishables including fruits and vegetables.

(d) to (f) Potential circuits for movement of vegetables, fruits and other perishables 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. So far, Kisan Rail has not been operated from any location in Rajasthan.

(g): Yes, Sir. During COVID-19, Kisan Rail and other time tabled parcel special services played a significant role in transportation of farm products and other essential commodities (including food items, medicines, medical and surgical equipment, etc.) across the country.
