

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1304
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

KISAN RAIL

1304. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of kisan rails being operated from the State of Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the Government is operating/plans to operate a Kisan rail from Vijayawada to transport mangoes to the consumption regions for the upcoming harvest season, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the number of new Kisan rail routes planned for the year 2022;**
- (d) whether the Railways is making losses by running Kisan rails even after receiving the subsidy amount from Ministry of Food Processing Industries and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the amount of produce transported by Kisan rails in 2021, category and State-wise?**

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. 1304 BY SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING KISAN RAIL

(a) to (c): 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 on the basis of demands, rakes are provided on priority for running of Kisan Rail services. During the current year (2021-2022) around 106 Kisan Rail services have operated from Adoni, Ananthapuram, Betamcherla, Kamaleswar, Kurnool, Nuzvid, Vizianagram, Tadipatri and Tadepalligudem etc, locations in Andhra Pradesh.

(d): Indian Railways do not maintain details of profit and loss incurred for any type of trains, including Kisan Rail trains. However, Kisan Rail trains are operated as part of Parcel services, and the expenses incurred in operating Parcel services are more than the revenue from these services. During the current year the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) had allocated ₹50 crore as subsidy for transportation of fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail. However, Railways have already disbursed ₹98 crore as subsidy upto 15th January 2022.

(e): Commodities transported through Kisan Rail include oranges, onion, potato, banana, mango, tomato, guava, pomegranate, custard apple, capsicum, chikoo, carrot, garlic, ginger, lemon, melon, grapes, papaya, pumpkin, gourd etc. State-wise details of produce transported through Kisan Rail during the year 2021 are as under:-

Originating state	Approximate loading (Figures in Tonnes)
Andhra Pradesh	33,558
Assam	266
Gujarat	16,327
Karnataka	9,545
Maharashtra	4,54,443
Madhya Pradesh	22,545
Punjab	2,802
Rajasthan	502
Telangana	29,334
Tripura	10
Uttar Pradesh	15,933
West Bengal	12,768
