

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 500.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20TH JULY, 2022.**

RICE SHIPMENTS

500. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government is aware of blockade of Indian rice shipments to seaports for export of rice to foreign countries due to shortage or unavailability of freight trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the contracts/deals cancelled by Indian rice exporting traders with foreign traders from 01/11/2021 to 30/06/2022;
- (d) the details of India's planned rice exports for the month of July 2022 and the tonnes of basmati and non-basmati rice that got stuck from December 2021 to July 2022 due to shortage of freight trains; and
- (e) whether the Government has made any alternate mode of transport to ship the rice to seaports to address the shortage of freight trains, if so, the details of the arrangements made and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम प्रकाश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a) & (b):** A representation was received from the trade about the non-availability of rakes.
- (c) to (e):** No Specific information in this regard has been received from the trade. Most of the export of rice takes place from South East Central Railway (Chhattisgarh area) to Kakinada Port. The details of loading of rice from

south East Central Railway (SECR) to Kakinada port from November 2021 to June 2022 are as under :

Month	No. of rakes loaded from SECR with rice to Kakinada port
December, 2021	43
January, 2022	73
February, 2022	74
March, 2022	68
April, 2022	65
May, 2022	66
June, 2022	84
Total	473

In July, 2022 till date, there are sufficient number of rakes, but 100% loading *interalia* depends upon weather conditions, availability of ships and infrastructure at Kakinada Port.
