

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

SUBSIDY TO KISAN RAIL

2644. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the subsidy being provided on freight for the transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan Rail over the past five years, including the percentage of subsidy provided annually and the eligible entities or stakeholders;**
- (b) the State-wise details of the subsidy provided for the transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan Rail during the last five years, including the total amount of subsidy provided each year for each State;**
- (c) whether it is true that the subsidy for the transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan Rail has now been discontinued;**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on the transportation of horticultural products; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to reinstate the subsidy for the transportation of fruits and vegetables by Kisan Rail and if so, the timeline for its reinstatement?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) : Since the launch of Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020, Railways have operated around 2,364 Kisan Rail services, transporting

approximately 7.9 lakh tonnes of perishables across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. Total subsidy disbursed by Railway till date is Rs 153.62 crore.

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 operational feasibility, Kisan Rail services are run.
