

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 612  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

**DEDICATED KISAN RAIL CORRIDORS**

**612. ADV GOWAAL KAGADA PADAVI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any dedicated Kisan Rail Corridors now include tribal regions for perishable produce, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of shipments originated from tribal districts in the past year;**
- (c) whether the rates are subsidized for smallholder farmers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the cold-chain infrastructure available at collection centres; and**
- (e) whether any consultation has involved tribal farmer association and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) : Kisan Rail enables movement of perishables including fruits and vegetables from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions in reasonable time.**

**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 services at applicable tariff are planned on the basis of demands placed taking into consideration, operational feasibility.**

**Since the launch of Kisan Rail service on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Railways have operated around 2,364 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately 7.9 lakh tonnes of perishables.**

**Recently an initiative has been undertaken with operation of Shetkari Samrudhi special train 01153 between Devlali-Danapur w.e.f 15.10.2024 for transporting of perishable products. The service has halts at Nashik, Lasalgaon, Manmad, Jalgaon, Bhusawal, Burhanpur and Khandwa. Till date 40 trips have been run and 3,256 tonnes of perishable have been loaded earning Rs. 1.16 Cr.**

**Indian Railway is providing rail based refrigerated container services through Container Corporation (CONCOR) to facilitate movement of cargo that requires temperature-controlled environment, including fruits and vegetables. During 2024-25, a total of 85,140 TEUs have been moved through Rail by CONCOR. The temperature controlled storage facilities of CONCOR have been established at Nashik, New Azadpur, Dadri and Sonipat at a total investment of about Rs 129 crore.**

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