

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

AGRICULTURAL SPECIAL TRAINS

470. SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural special trains are presently running from the places where production of agriculture items are much more and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such trains are useful for farmers to save their perishable agriculture items fruits, vegetables and send to far flung markets and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of expenditure and income out of such trains during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): In compliance to the announcement made in Union Budget 2020-21, Kisan Rail trains have been introduced by Indian Railways – to move perishables including fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fishery and dairy products from

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production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions.

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, the operational feasibility.

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 and generating revenue of Rs 318.68 crores approximately.

The separate data regarding expenditure incurred on operating any type of train services, including Kisan Rail trains, is not maintained.
