

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3224  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

**ACTIVITIES OF FHEL**

**3224. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:**

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

**(a) whether the Fresh and Healthy Enterprises Limited (FHEL) is engaged in lifting the fruits and vegetables through Railways from the farmers/fruit growers etc.;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and its activities in the country;**

**(c) whether the said unit is also engaged in the activities in Himachal Pradesh for lifting of apples and other fruits and vegetables; and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(d) whether the said organization has benefited the fruit growers of Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

**(a) FHEL lifts fruits from farmers / fruit growers directly and not through Railways.**

**(b) FHEL is engaged in procurement of apples in Himachal Pradesh directly from farm-gate of the farmers since 2006. Apples are then**

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**transported to its Controlled Atmosphere (CA) Store located in Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC) Industrial Estate, Rai, Sonapat, Haryana. The stored fruit is thus amenable to marketing not only during season but also during off-season throughout the country.**

**(c) Yes, Madam. The company has been procuring apples direct from farm gate of farmers in Himachal Pradesh.**

**Since 2006, FHEL has procured 68130.36 Metric Tonnes of apple valued for ₹ 272.20 Crores directly from more than 1000 farmers of Himachal Pradesh.**

**(d) Yes, Madam. Apple growers have benefited on account of procurements made at remunerative prices from their door step by FHEL. The hand-holding role discharged by FHEL consistently over the past 9 years has also resulted in established private players having to compete amongst themselves and thereby offering better prices to apple growers at their farm gate.**

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