

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

RAKE POINT

1618. SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether absence of required infrastructure at existing rake points and provision of new rake point and two point rakes greatly hinders timely supply and distribution of chemical fertilizers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to modernize the rake points, notify new rake points and provide two point rakes at proposed places?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

- (a) No, Madam. Existing facilities are adequate to meet the demand of fertilizer traffic.**
- (b) Does not arise.**
- (c) With a view to facilitate development of a network of freight terminals with private investments to provide efficient and cost effective logistics services with warehousing solutions and users, a new scheme namely**

Private Freight Terminal (PFT) was launched on 31.5.2010, which was further reviewed during the year 2012 and 2015. So far, 27 terminals have been notified for commercial working.

Development, upgradation and modernization of rake points on Indian Railways is a continuous and ongoing activity. 63 works for development, improvement and augmentation of Goods Sheds are already sanctioned.

In consultation with Zonal Railways, notification for two point combination destinations has already been issued in the current financial year.
