

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016**

MERRY-GO-ROUND SYSTEM

584. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has decided to decrease freight rates on dedicated Merry-Go-Round (MGR) system;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the freight rates for transporting goods have been revised down to ₹ 47 per tonne which will help in an additional 5 million tonne freight load; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 584 BY SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING MERRY-GO-ROUND SYSTEM

(a) to (d): In order to provide an economical and reliable alternative short lead traffic, a rationalized scheme with lump-sum rates for Merry-Go-Round has been notified with effect from 01.04.2016. Some of the features of this scheme are as under:

- **The MGR Terminals at both ends shall be privately owned.**
- **Rail track between the two terminals will be provided by the customer.**
- **Railways will provide locos, wagons, brake-vans and other rolling stock as per requirement for running of the rakes under MGR system.**
- **Terminals at both ends will operate round the clock.**
- **Lump-sum rates charged under the MGR System would depend upon the number of rakes loaded per day and the lead of traffic.**
- **For 18 km lead, the average MGR rate for 2-3 trips per day is around ₹ 47 per tonne.**
- **Expected traffic under this scheme is around 4-5 million tonnes in the financial year 2016-17.**
