### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1763 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016

#### TRAINS TO TRANSPORT WATER

#### 1763. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the freight charged per litre/tanker of water and the revenue earned by the Railways for transportation of water to draught hit areas;
- (b) whether payments have been delayed or are yet to be received by the Railways for such services and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the frequency of such trains and whether these trains are to be made a part of the regular schedule of the train and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the normal schedule of the running of trains is disrupted due to running of such trains and if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) & (b): Presently, the freight charges per tank wagon of water for 500 km is ₹27,409/- and for 1000 km is ₹52,662/-. Payments are realized either in advance or levied on the State Governments and realized later. During 2015-16, Indian Railways provided water tank specials for drought affected areas in Rajasthan and Maharashtra on requests by the respective State Governments. Till date, ₹11.59 crore have been realised and ₹7.98 crore are outstanding.
- (c): These trains are scheduled as and when the requests are made by the consignors.
- (d): No, Madam.

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