

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 508
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026**

KISAN RAIL CIRCUITS FOR ANDHRA PRADESH

508. SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of consultations held by the Government during the last two years with State Governments to identify potential Kisan Rail circuits, particularly for Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) the number of potential Kisan Rail circuits identified through such consultations along with their route alignments and commodities proposed for transportation, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any operational and financial feasibility studies for the identified circuits, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether any Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are being prepared for the proposed Kisan Rail circuits, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Kisan Rail trains have been introduced by Indian Railways – to move perishables including fruits and vegetables from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions. Since its launch in August 2020, a total of 2,364 Kisan Rail services have operated on 167 routes across various states including 116 outward services from Andhra Pradesh.

Potential circuits of Kisan Rail 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 and the operational feasibility.

Besides, Business Development Units functional at all Railway Divisions are engaging with various stakeholders to assess the business requirement including transportation of perishables which can also be seasonal and need based. In the recent past, consultations were held by Railway Authorities with Government of Andhra Pradesh, officials of CONCOR and with District Administration of Ananthapuram for transportation of bananas from Tadipatri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT).

Further, steps have been taken to promote transportation of agricultural produce, especially food grain in containers, which is a safe and efficient intermodal mean of transport. To facilitate transportation of food grain, flour and pulses in container, a per-kilometer based pricing system (instead of commodity class and distance slab based freight system) has been recently adopted.
