

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO TRAINS
PRAKASH V. PATIL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some time back a cargo train between Mumbai and Kolkata was launched;
- (b) if so, the extent to which this cargo train became successful;
- (c) whether another cargo train between Delhi and Mumbai has been started recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether this type of cargo would reduce the cost of movement of parcel; and
- (f) if so, the extent to which the Railway is likely to be benefited therefrom ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. A Millennium Parcel Express train was introduced between Turbe (Mumbai) and Shalimar (Kolkata) on 10.11.2001.
- (b) The train has a weekly service and has completed 37 round trips since November 2001 fetching an earning of approximately Rs. 3.5 crores.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Another weekly special parcel train has been introduced between Subzi Mandi (Delhi) - Turbe on 06.7.2002 on round trip basis.
- (e) & (f): No, Sir. There would be no substantial difference in the cost incurred by the Railways for running such trains. However, the Railways are benefited as they get assured traffic and earnings.