

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW FREIGHT POLICY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have introduced a new freight policy; and
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. A new freight policy has been developed.

(b) The salient features of the new freight policy will include:

- (1) No steep hike, for some time, in freight rates to ensure alignment with traffic structure of other modes.
- (2) Freight rate structure will be based on factors like cost of service and value of service and `what the traffic can bear`.
- (3) Strict enforcement of block rake movement disciplines.
- (4) Use the multi-modal route through CONCOR, to ensure high growth in non-bulk but high revenue yielding door-to-door piecemeal traffic.
- (5) Reduce expenditure, both capital and revenue through increased focus on productivity and efficiency.
- (6) Utmost priority to development of terminals.
- (7) Strengthen connectivity with ports.
- (8) Development of a multi-modal transport system to arrest the burgeoning social and environmental costs.
- (9) Railways to act as a `facilitator` for country`s economic growth.