

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1589
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REFRIGERATED PARCEL VAN
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;BIKRAM KESHARI DEO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have introduced refrigerated parcel van/ wagons for transportation of perishable goods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of parcel vans presently being operated by the railways ;
- (c) the routes on which such facility is available at present;
- (d) whether the Government propose to introduce this service in other routes also; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. One Prototype Refrigerated Van, having a chiller and a deep freeze compartment with total carrying capacity of 17 tonnes, has been developed by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, and introduced on experimental basis on 1st November, 2002.
- (c) The prototype refrigerated van was utilised between Ernakulam and Delhi and is presently plying between Bangalore and Gorakhpur.
- (d) & (e) Introduction on other routes depends upon the experience gained by the Railways in this new type of service.