

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:708
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2005
FREIGHT CHARGES
Borkataky Shri Narayan Chandra

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the freight charges of foodgrains, pulses and sugar;

(b) whether inspite of categorical announcement by the Government not to increase the freight charges there is a steep rise in freight charges; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) A statement is attached.

(b) to (c) No, Sir. There was no across-the-board increase in the freight rates. However, in the Railway Budget 2005- 06, historic changes in the "Goods Tariff" were made to make it simple, rational and transparent. Due to rationalisation, while freight rates for some commodities were reduced, there was increase in freight for certain other commodities.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.708 BY SHRI NARAYAN CHANDRA BORKATAKY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.7.2005 REGARDING FREIGHT CHARGES.

STATEMENT SHOWING FREIGHT RATES FOR FOODGRAINS, PULSES AND SUGAR FOR TRAIN LOAD MOVEMENT OVER SELECTED DISTANCES

Freight (Rs. per Tonne)
Distance
(Kms)

	Foodgrains & Pulses			Sugar
	(For non- PDS#/PAP ^)	(For PDS*/PAP^ in covered wagons)	(For PDS#/PAP^ in open wagons)	
100	100.10	83.40	75.10	91.70
200	166.10	138.40	124.60	152.20
300	232.10	193.40	174.10	212.70
400	298.10	248.40	223.60	273.20
500	364.10	303.40	273.10	333.70
750	529.10	440.90	396.80	485.00
1000	694.10	578.40	520.60	636.20
1500	1024.10	853.40	768.10	938.70
2000	1270.10	1058.40	952.60	1164.20
2500	1450.10	1208.40	1087.60	1329.20
3000	1630.10	1358.40	1222.60	1494.20
3500	1810.10	1508.40	1357.60	1659.20

Public Distribution System
^ Poverty Alleviation Programme