

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONTAINER TRANSPORT POLICY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been consistent pressure by global players to allow more competition in container freight business;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to open the container freight business to private players;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate container transport policy; and
- (f) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (f): Yes, Sir. It has already been decided to open rail borne container traffic to private players. This business will be thrown open to private players after finalization of detailed policy.