

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COLD STORAGE FOR FARMERS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to provide cold storage and transport facilities to farmers at railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan prepared by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways admitted that there is no shortage of funds for infrastructure; and
- (d) if so, the time by which such facilities are likely to be provided to farmers?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A policy to promote Agriculture Products collection and distribution outlets with backward integration of transportation is under active consideration. A committee of Executive Directors has been formed to prepare a concept paper for above policy framework. The farmers as well as the economy in general will be benefited by this policy.