

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2271  
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REFRIGERATED VANS FOR CARRYING VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Refrigerated Van for carrying vegetables, fruits and eatables from the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith States among which these vans would run;
- (c) the total amount spent for manufacturing such vans; and
- (d) the extent to which people are likely to be benefited there from ?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (d) Yes, Sir. A total of 10 Refrigerated Vans have been introduced so far on Indian Railways for transportation of perishable commodities, including fruits, vegetables, frozen foods etc. As this is a new type of service on the Railways, potential streams of traffic are yet to be established. Refrigerated Vans or any other vehicles / wagons are not allotted State-wise but utilised to meet the transportation demand wherever generated.

(c) The approximate cost of manufacturing a Refrigerated Van as per 2002-03 price is around Rs. 52 lakh.