

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase vegetable transportation by Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of vegetables transported by Railways from Patna-New Delhi through special refrigerated van during the months of June, 2004 to July, 2004;
- (d) the total amount earned by Railways as profit;
- (e) whether the first refrigerated van that reached Delhi was full of rotten vegetables resulting in loss incurred thereby; and
- (f) the details of the modifications made and steps taken for successful implementation of the scheme ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) 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.
- (c) & (d) 125 packages weighing 8.68 tonnes of vegetables were booked by a Refrigerated Van on 20th June 2004 from Patna to New Delhi. The Railways earned a freight of Rs. 14,100/- from this traffic.
- (e) & (f) All the packages reached New Delhi in fresh condition. Ten packages of vegetables remained unclaimed and were ultimately got destroyed. Railways did not suffer any loss on this account.