

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF STALLS FOR SELLING AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are contemplating on a scheme to open special stalls to sell agricultural products at railway stations ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;
- (c) whether the scheme is to be implemented at all railway divisions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any rules have been framed by the Railways to appoint an agent to sell agricultural products at railway stations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b)to(f): It has been decided to explore the feasibility of additional transport volumes by leveraging surplus railway land through partnership with Agri-retail chain providing outlets to farmers to sell their produce eliminating middlemen.