

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS THROUGH RAIL NETWORK

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to set up at non-metro stations, the facilities for transportation of agri-culture products using the rail network and also to facilitate their sale at the local level;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan prepared by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) the objectives of the said plan; and
- (d) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Expression of interest has been invited from interested entrepreneurs to seek essential information on the extent of their interest in using spare land at non-metropolitan stations for agri-retail logistics. At present, no plan has been finalized and no time frame can be stipulated.