

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3022

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. PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has withdrawn the provisions of booking of bales or bags of perishable agriculture products with journey tickets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Union Government is aware of problems faced by the small farmers due to non-booking of their perishable agricultural products with journey tickets; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to make provision of booking of bales or bags of perishable agricultural products with journey tickets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRIR. VELU)

(a) to (d): With journey tickets passengers are allowed to carry trunks, suitcases and boxes of specified dimensions in the passenger compartment as personal luggage upto the specified limits of free allowance to carry luggage. Articles bigger in size than specified dimensions and bales or bags of perishable agricultural products are permitted to be booked and carried in the brake van as parcels.