

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL HUBS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken any steps to create rail hubs with adequate warehousing facilities and accelerate the concentration programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): A number of steps taken to create rail hubs with adequate warehousing facilities and accelerate the containerisation programme;

Ministry of Railways have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Central Warehousing Corporation to create warehousing facilities near rail heads at 23 locations.

Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR) a public sector undertaking under Ministry of Railways has developed a network of Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Domestic Container Terminals throughout the country with warehousing and inter modal transfer facility.

Under a new policy announced in 2006, private operators have been permitted to enter into rail borne container business. As on date, 16 operators including Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) have taken license under this policy. These operators have also developed some ICDs with warehousing facilities.