

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF FOODGRAINS BY RAIL

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to create an agri-rail project that would enable farmers of rural and remote areas to connect with the markets at affordable and subsidized costs for freight charges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether rail transportation cost of food grain and fertilizers has gone up over 50 percent in five years;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to reduce the rail transportation cost of food grain and fertilizers?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): For collection and distribution of agri products, a policy for creation of perishable cargo centres with cold storage and/or temperature controlled facility and with agri-retail outlets at selected rail heads has been issued on 14-01-2010 as pilot project.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): 'Inflation concession' of Rs. 100/- per wagon on booking of foodgrains for domestic use has been provided with effect from 01-04-2010.