

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of goods trains provided to Andhra Pradesh for transportation of rice in each of the last three years and current year, till date;
- (b) whether there is shortage of goods train transporting rice in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) steps taken by the Railways in the matter?

**Answer**

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

(a): The details of goods trains provided to Andhra Pradesh for transportation of rice in each of the last three years and current year upto 19.08.2010 are as under:

(Figures in terms of rake)

Year            Loading

Food Corporation of India Trade

2007-08	1621	897		
2008-09	2182	371		
2009-10	1871	445		
2010-11 (upto 19.8.10)	526	166		

(b) to (d): The overall demand for covered wagons is more than the availability. Railways are making all efforts to supply rakes for Food Corporation of India, foodgrains on private account and fertilizers. Supply of rakes is also dependent upon loading and unloading capabilities at the terminals. At times, the Railways has to give priority for evacuation of fertilizer (imported fertilizer) which is also an essential commodity for farmers to raise their crops. Modified BCNHL covered wagons with each rake of 58 wagons with more carrying capacities has been inducted from April 2009.