

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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COLD STORAGE UNITS AT RAILWAY STATIONS

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

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to set up cold storage units alongside railway stations so as to check the wastage of perishable commodities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) With a view to encourage creation of facilities for setting up of cold storage and temperature controlled cargo centres and its transportation, six potential locations namely Dankuni, Mechheda, Nasik, New Jalpaiguri, Naya Azadpur and Singur have been identified under Kisan Vision Project as pilot projects. These are planned to be developed by logistics based Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) like Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) and Central Warehousing Corporation Ltd. (CWC). Railway land for development of perishable cargo centre at the identified locations will be provided, where the developer will have to set up cold storage and temperature controlled perishable cargo centres including agri-retail outlets and carry out collection, aggregation, storage and distribution of the perishable cargo. Policy guidelines for implementation of pilot project has been issued on 14.01.2010.