GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:463 ANSWERED ON:24.02.2011 SUPERFAST GOODS TRAIN Sayeed Muhammed Hamdulla A. B.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of superfast goods trains running in the country;
- (b) whether running of such trains help in containing the price rise of vegetables and other items in the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Railways propose to run more such trains; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There is no such concept of superfast goods train on Indian Railways. Most of the freight rolling stock on Indian Railways is currently fit for running at maximum speeds of 75 kilometer per hour (kmph).

The issue of price rise is affected by a multiplicity of factors, of which speed of transportation plays, if at all, a marginal role.

Indian Railways is in the process of inducting freight rolling stock capable of achieving maximum speeds of 100 kmph.