

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have increased freight rates;
- (b) if so, the details of items on which this rise has been effected alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (c) the impact of this increase in freight rates on the consumer?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Since July 2006, there has been no across the board increase in freight rates. However, recently, as a process of rationalization, minor adjustment in telescopic rate structure has been carried out in respect of all commodities except Foodgrains and Chemical Manures and a minor change has been made in classification of Sugar and De-oiled Cake.

(c) The impact of the above freight adjustment on the consumer items is negligible. For example, the increase per kg per 1000 km is nil for Foodgrain and Fertilizers, 03 paise for Salt, 09 paise for Sugar and 03 paise for Edible oil.