

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FREIGHT CONNECTIVITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to rationalize freight connectivity between coal producing areas and power stations across the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways also propose to rationalize the sharing of revenues, earned from freight transportation, between freight and passenger traffic in order to improve freight transportation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Ministry of Coal deals with linkages from collieries to Power Utilities. As per the New Coal Distribution Policy (NCDP) issued by the Ministry of Coal, FSAs (Fuel Supply Agreements) are signed between Coal Companies and Power Utilities. Rationalisation of this FSA is being done by Ministry of Coal and assisted by Ministry of Power and Ministry of Railways for which a Task Force has been set up by Ministry of Coal.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Apart from Commercial considerations, social service obligations are also a part of fixing freight and passenger fares.