GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:549 ANSWERED ON:24.11.2011 TRANSPORTATION OF CATTLE Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of animals transported by the Railways across the country and abroad after a policy decision was made for such transportation by rail;
- (b) whether such a decision by the Railways has led to an increase in the smuggling of animals in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken/being taken in this regard by the Railways?

Answer

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

- (a): Railways has not moved any rakes loaded with animals either across the country or abroad during the current financial year. Only 33 number of VPUs/VPHs loaded with horses/cattle have been moved across the country. No such loading/movement has taken place for destinations abroad.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.