

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BOOKING OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have withdrawn provisions of booking of bales or bags of perishable agriculture products with journey tickets;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have received representations from the small farmers regarding problems faced by them due to non-booking of their perishable agriculture products with their journey tickets;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There is no restriction on booking of bales or bags of perishable agricultural products in brake van as luggage with journey tickets. Merchandized items are not allowed for booking and carriage in the compartment as personal luggage.

With journey tickets, passengers are allowed to carry trunks, suitcases and boxes of specified dimensions in the passenger compartment as personal luggage upto the specified limits of free allowance.

Vendor Season Ticket Holders are permitted to carry perishable articles upto 60 Kgs. on outward journey on both suburban and non-suburban sections upto a maximum distance of 150 Kms.