GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3637 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011 SEPARATE RAIL SERVICE Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce a separate Rail Service in the country for transportations of Horticulture produces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Madam. However, to facilitate transportation of perishable commodities including fruits, vegetables, frozen foods, frozen meats/ poultry, chocolates, other milk products, pharmaceuticals etc. in temperature controlled condition, Indian Railways have introduced service of Refrigerated Vans. At present, Indian Railways have a fleet of 10 Refrigerated Parcel Vans, which are attached to long distance mail/express trains as per demand.