

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3669
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
HIKE IN FREIGHT RATE
Choudhry Smt. Shruti

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have recently increased freight rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the likely impact thereof on the prices of essential commodities and inflation?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3669 BY SHRIMATI SHRUTI CHOUDHRY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2011 REGARDING HIKE IN FREIGHT RATE

- (a) The rates at which Busy Season charge and Development Surcharge are levied have been marginally enhanced with effect from 15.10.2011.
- (b) Busy Season charge in the case of Coal and Coke stands revised from 5% to 10% and in the case of all other commodities, from 7% to 10%. The rate at which Development Surcharge is levied, has been revised from 2% to 5%.
- (c) The assessed impact of the increased rates on the prices of essential commodities is expected to be negligible; for example, the increase per kg per 1000 km is 05 paise in the case of Foodgrains and Fertilizers, 04 paise in the case of Salt and Sugar, 03 paise in the case of Onions and 06 paise in the case of Edible oils.