

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce horticulture trains in the country including Metro cities for the transportation of perishable items e.g. vegetables, fruits, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sections identified for the purpose; and
- (c) the timeframe set for implementation of the said projects?

Answer

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

(a) to (c).With a view 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. In addition to this, Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Railways has procured 98 Insulated – Ventilated containers, which are running on Indian Railways as Special train as per demand.