

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4182

ANSWERED ON:06.09.2012

FREIGHT COST

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether freight transportation cost by the Railways is much higher as compared to most countries since freight tariffs in India have been kept high to subsidize passenger fare;
- (b) if so, the plans of the Railways to rectify this imbalance;
- (c) whether the Railways have raised/propose to raise terminal access charges; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4182 BY SHRI N. CHALUVARAYA SWAMY AND SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.09.2012 REGARDING FREIGHT COST.

(a) and (b): Indian Railways does not maintain freight transportation cost of Railways of other countries.

(c) and (d): Terminal Access Charge is applicable in case rakes owned by Container Train Operators access railway-owned goods sheds for handling. This charge, which is subject to revision from time to time, is presently as follows:

Terminal Access Charge

w.e.f. 21.5.2011

Both terminals owned by the Private Nil  
Container Operator (PCO).

Both terminals owned by Railways. Rs.1,62,000/- per rake

Only one terminal is owned by Railway. Rs.81,000/- per rake