

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4236  
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COMPLAINTS REGARDING IRREGULARITIES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railway have received any complaints from the Government of Punjab regarding evasion of State levies/taxes e.g. VAT/CST etc. on commercial freight by the railway officials, particularly from Northern Railway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon by the Railways;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Transporters & Traders in the country lease space aboard Parcel and Brake vans of passenger trains to evade VAT/CST in connivance with railway officials;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard and to prevent such menace?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : No, Madam.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : No, Madam.
- (d) : Nil.
- (e) : The responsibility of collecting Sales Tax/VAT lies with State Government. Railways have been extending all assistance as per the policy guidelines on the subject.