

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEAVY HAUL GOODS TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have introduced heavy haul goods trains to modernise and improve the freight transportation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the routes identified for the purpose;
- (c) the advantage of such heavy haul goods trains vis-à-vis the ordinary goods trains;
- (d) whether the Indian Railway have indigenously developed or acquired the requisite technology for running such goods trains in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Indian Railways have increased the axle load of freight trains from 20.32 Tonnes to 22.32 Tonnes. In addition, on certain identified routes, freight trains with 25 Tonnes axle load have been permitted, thus adding to the

overall transportation capacity. The routes identified for running 25 Tonnes axle load trains are:

East Coast Railway Banspani-Daitari-Jakhapura-Paradeep.

Kirandul-Kottavalasa-Vishakhapatnam.

Koraput-Rayagada-Vizianagaram-Vishakhapatnam

South Eastern Railway Noamundi-Banspani-Tata

South East Central Railway Marauda-Dallirajahara

South Western Railway Toranagallu-Ranjitpura

(c): Running of heavy haul trains helps in improving throughput per train. Thus, requirement of running more no. of trains in a section comes down. This helps in generating more number of paths for additional freight trains.

(d) & (e): Indian Railways have indigenously developed the wagons for operation at 25 Tonnes axle load. All the routes indicated above in (b) have been gradually upgraded for operation of 25 Tonne axle load trains.