

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2128
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013
KISAN VISION PROJECT
Rawat Shri Ashok Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the present status of progress made in the setting up of various cargo centres etc. under the Kisan Vision Project in the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to set up more such centres and/or refrigerated container factory in the country particularly at Hardoi/Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these centres are likely to be made operational along with the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(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. 2128 BY SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.08.2013 REGARDING KISAN VISION PROJECT

(a) Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), Central Railside Warehouse Company Limited (CRWC) were asked to provide infrastructure at six locations on Indian Railways under a pilot project, the Kisan Vision Project to develop Perishable cargo Centres. The details and the present status of the said projects is as under:-

(i) Nasik (Maharashtra): This centre is located in Nasik District of Maharashtra. The centre is functional. Pack House is handling cargo of cut flower & fruits. The facility is well equipped to move traffic by Road & Air. Rail clearance can also be started via Nasik Road station for which there has been no demand up to now.

(ii) New Azadpur (Delhi): The proposed facility is to be developed at new Azadpur, Adarsh Nagar, New Delhi. Facility would be ready by end of June 2014.

(iii) New Jalpaiguri (West Bengal): The facility is located in Siliguri in the State of West Bengal. The Perishable Cargo Centre was taken over by CONCOR on 22.02.2011 from Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA). Under the provision of Agreement, signed between SJDA & CONCOR, SJDA is required to obtain license from State Agriculture Dept. of West Bengal Govt., which is still awaited. Facility will be linked through New Jalpaiguri Station for clearances by rail in cases of demand.

(iv) Singur (West Bengal): The Perishable Cargo Centre was made functional on 18.12.2011. However, due to very low utilization, the service provider has abandoned the contract.

(v) Dankuni (West Bengal): Central Railside Warehouse Company Ltd. was entrusted with the responsibility of developing Perishable Cargo Centre at Dankuni. The detailed project report for setting up of cold storage has already been received which are under process.

The cold storage is planned to be set up in the Financial Year 2013-14, after Railways hands over possession of the land.

(vi) Murshidabad (West Bengal): The facility at Murshidabad (West Bengal) is being evaluated by CONCOR in lieu of Mecheda. The decision regarding establishment of Perishable Cargo Centre at Murshidabad will be taken after detailed examination of the viability of setting such a facility.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.