GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:71 ANSWERED ON:19.11.2009 COLD STORAGE UNITS AT RAILWAY STATIONS Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any plan to set up Cold Storage Units at Railway stations for storing up of Agriculture products of the farmers for marketing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per Railway Budget 2009-10, Railway will encourage creation of facilities of setting up cold storage and temperature controlled perishable cargo centres through Public Private Partnership mode. In this connection, a "Task Force" constituting representative from the concerned ministries, Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), Central Warehousing Corporation Ltd. (CWC) and cold chain operators, has been constituted to identify the potential locations and draw up a road map for implementation of the project.