

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NUMBER OF FREIGHT TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of freight trains in the country zone-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways have any plan to increase the number of freight trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) Zone-wise data in respect of freight is not maintained. However, average number of freight trains run daily on Indian Railways during 2012-13 (latest available) is 7,421.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) Augmentation of Freight stock on Indian Railways is a continuous process. The Railways assess the requirement of wagons and places demand for new wagons every year. In the year 2014-15, Indian Railways is contemplating acquisition of approximately 13,162 wagons. (vehicle units)
- (d) Does not arise.