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Title: Shortage of rail wagons for transporting foodgrains in the Country.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): In general, the country is facing very serious issue regarding steep hike in the prices of essential commodities. But especially in the food deficit States like Kerala, the problem is very acute because of the rise in price of food grains. The main reason is that it is not possible to move food grains from other States to States like Kerala due to lack of or non-availability of wagons. Now, the Railway Ministry is providing most of the wagons to cement movement and some such other things. Due to non-availability of railway wagons, food grains like rice are not entering our State.

So, I urge upon the Government and the Railway Ministry, through you, Sir, to provide sufficient wagons for rice movement to Kerala from other States. I request the Railway Ministry to consider this very important matter and provide sufficient wagons for rice movement to Kerala.

MR. SPEAKER: Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma - Not present.

Shri Mohan Rawale.