

[English]

Transportation of Betel-Leave

8747. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total earning of last three years, year-wise by Indian Railways from freight charges for carrying betel-leave,

(b) the amount of freight collected from West Bengal on that account; and

(c) the quantity of betel-leave booked at various Railway stations in West Bengal last year and the amount collected from each stations in that State?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

STATEMENT

	1	2	3	4	5
			1987-88 (Rupees in thousands)	1988-89 (Rupees in thousands)	1989-90 (Rupees in thousands)
(a)	Total earnings from Betel Leave traffic		10,04,27	11,07,67	10,98,16
(b)	Total earnings from Betel Leave traffic from stations in West Bengal		7,05,32	7,69,63	7,61,80
(c)	Details of quantity and earnings of betel leaves traffic originating from stations in West Bengal in 1989-90				

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Station</i>	<i>Weight (in tonnes)</i>	<i>Earnings (in thousands)</i>
1	2	3	4
1.	Howrah	21,058	10,992
2.	Sealdah	37,016	19,322
3.	Krishna Nagar (city)	7,800	4,321
4.	Srirampur	3,600	1,879
5.	Bardhaman	3,600	1,879
6.	Malda Town	2,880	1,503
7.	Asansol	210	168
8.	Begampur	180	93
9.	Barupara	75	39
10.	Durgapur	3	1
11.	Uluberia	966	437

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1	2	3	4
12.	Bagnan	1,878	1,407
13.	Mechada	14,906	14,873
14.	Khāragpur	6,577	6,042
15.	Panskura	5,484	4,015
16	Howrah	11,660	9,225