

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3834
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**KISAN RAIL'S IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IN ANDHRA
PRADESH**

3834. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the agricultural produce transported via Kisan Rail between Anantapur and New Delhi including the volume of produce and the type of crops transported since the inception of the service, year-wise;**
- (b) the impact of the Kisan Rail service on the farmers of Andhra Pradesh, specifically in terms of reduced transportation costs, time saved and enhanced market access for horticultural produce from regions like Anantapur;**
- (c) whether challenges have been faced in the operation of Kisan Rail, particularly in terms of logistics, demand and coordination between State and Central Authorities; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address the same?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) : Since the launch of Kisan Rail service on 7th August 2020, Railways have operated around 2,364 Kisan Rail services, transporting approximately 7.9 lakh tonnes of perishables.

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Out of these 04 services operated from Anantpur to Delhi (Adarsh Nagar) in 2020-21 and 01 service in 2021-22, transporting 1,320 tonnes (approximately) of fruits and vegetables.

Kisan Rail enables movement of perishables including fruits and vegetables from production or surplus regions to consumption or deficient regions in reasonable time and helps small farmers with lesser produce also to transport their consignment without any middleman.

Potential circuits for movement of vegetables, fruits and other perishables are identified in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Agriculture/Animal Husbandry/Fisheries Departments of State Governments as well as local bodies and agencies, Mandis etc., and Kisan Rail services are planned on the basis of demands placed taking into consideration operational feasibility.
