

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1052
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BOOKING OF PARCEL/LUGGAGE BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether parcel/luggage booking in certain trains starting from Chennai has been given to private agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether the operation of luggage booking is being supervised by the Railway Authority; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) and (b): With a view to optimize the utilization of transport capacity in brake vans and to enhance earnings, the front brake van space of 13 trains starting from Chennai has been leased out by Southern Railway to private agencies for transportation of only parcel traffic as per the extant policy. The rear brake van space is however kept available of parcels and luggage booked directly with Railways by the customers. A statement showing details of trains starting from Chennai in which brake van space has been leased out for parcel traffic is attached.

(c) and (d): Yes, Sir. The operation of luggage booking is supervised by the Railway staff of Southern Railway.