

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6099  
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PLAN TO INCREASE THE AXLE LOAD LIMIT  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways plan to increase the axle load limit of wagons for movement of freight; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI R. VELU )

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The maximum permissible axle load on Indian Railways has been increased to 21.82 Metric Tonne.

It is also contemplated that identified freight wagons can be loaded up to the axle load of 22.9 Metric Tonne on certain identified iron ore routes as a Pilot Project for a limited period of one year, with close monitoring.