

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FREIGHT TERMINALS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing freight terminals at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;
- (b) the steps taken to develop these terminals;
- (c) whether there is any regular mechanism to monitor these terminals; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to reduce congestion and pollution at these terminals?

Answer

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

- (a) The existing freight terminals at the following 4 cities are as under:-

Delhi	-	13
Mumbai	-	32
Kolkata	-	37
Chennai	-	17

(b) Most of the terminals are full rake terminals. Several works like top wiring of goods shed, augmentation of capacity, extension/development of wharf, adequate lighting arrangement and approach road facilities are being provided to terminals dealing with sufficient freight traffic. Covered Warehouses are under construction by Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) at Shakurbasti for storing cement and other commodities.

(c) Yes, Sir. Information about freight terminals has been fully computerized in the FOIS (Freight Operations Information System) format. The complete detentions rake-wise are monitored from time of arrival to actual placement, from placement to release and from release to actual time of rake dispatch. The detention to arrival to final despatch which exceeds 24 hours are monitored at the Railway Board level. Also, number of rakes loaded for the terminals, their movement in pipeline is also monitored closely through Pipeline Monitoring Mechanism.

(d) The terminal congestion as indicated in Freight Operations Information System is reviewed daily and input for corrective action constantly provided to ensure that these detentions are controlled progressively and brought down. As far as possible, air-polluting commodities like coal, iron ore etc. are being planned at isolated terminals, away from urban population. Further, depending on local conditions, water sprinkling and other precautionary measures are taken by railway customers at loading/unloading ends.