

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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HEAVY DISCOUNT ON LOADING
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have announced heavy discount for loading in empty returning goods trains and on parcel items;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the target achieved by each of zonal Railway for loading empty returning goods trains and parcel trains; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Railways to provide better service to the mail/express and passengers trains users for loading and booking of the goods?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Railways have announced freight concession for loading in notified traditional empty flow direction for goods traffic. 30% freight discount in lean season and 20% freight discount in busy season is granted on incremental traffic under the Incentive Scheme for Traditional Empty Flow Direction. Commodities are booked at composite class rate of LR-2 in lean season and class-100 in busy season when moved under Freight Forwarder Scheme in traditional empty flow directions. Concession under these schemes are subject to fulfillment of certain terms and conditions.
- (c) No target was fixed as such.
- (d) Additional Parcel vans are being attached as per demand and availability.