

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR NATIONAL REGIONAL AND RURAL HUBS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have agreed to provide to land private players for national, regional & rural hubs as reported in the Financial Express dated October 24, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been discussion between private companies and the Railways in this regard ; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) A policy to promote Agriculture Products collection and distribution outlets with backward integration is under active consideration. A committee has been formed to prepare a concept paper for policy framework. The Agricultural retail chain will be developed on the basis of private public partnership and sparable railway land being offered as per policy.