

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTING OF MARINE PRODUCTS FROM ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are aware that road transport in Andhra Pradesh is the main carrier of marine products to the Eastern parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the railways have conducted any study of the potential of rail traffic which is likely to be generated by transporting marine products from the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps likely to be initiated by railways to obtain a portion of the transportation of marine products from Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): As per a survey conducted in the past, 10% to 15% of the total volume of marine products in the coastal area of Andhra Pradesh was offered for transportation by Railways. A recent study has revealed that traders from Eluru area prefer to move their traffic to Guwahati. As per another survey, there is no adequate potential available from Rajahmundry area.

(d) The steps taken by the Railways for the clearance of marine products offered for transportation to railways from Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

- (i) Clearance of traffic in the Brake Vans (SLRs) by Mail/Express trains.
- (ii) Clearance of traffic by the Parcel Vans (VPs) attached to Mail/Express trains.
- (iii) Clearance of traffic by Special parcel trains.
- (iv) Utilisation of Refrigerated Vans (VPRs) as per demand and availability of stock.