

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for unloading of new Himachal Pradesh bound goods like coal and manure etc. to be unloaded at Rai Mahatpur or Una Railway stations in Himachal Pradesh instead of Nangal and Kiratpur railway stations in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A representation was received in 2003 (4 years back) for Rai Mahatpur station. Rai Mahatpur station is located on Nagaldam-Una Himachal section and close vicinity of Kiratpur Sahib station. Kiratpur Sahib station has adequate infrastructure to handle freight traffic of coal and fertilizer. Rai Mahatpur station is purely a halt station for passengers and is not capable to handle any traffic. Since Kiratpur Sahib is capable to handle existing level of traffic, it may not be desirable to make huge investment for creating facilities to handle coal and fertilizer traffic at Rai Mahatpur for the present.