

Boosting Agricultural Transportation through Kisan Rail Services and Krishi UDAN Scheme

The Government of India's commitment to bolstering agricultural transportation and uplifting rural economies is evident through the implementation of two groundbreaking initiatives: the Kisan Rail service and the Krishi Udan Scheme. These programs have significantly streamlined the movement of perishable goods, providing farmers, particularly those in remote and marginalized regions, with greater access to markets.

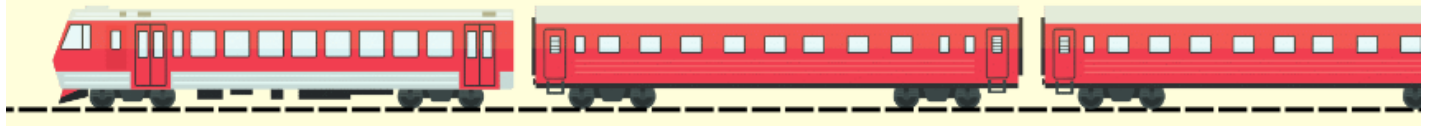
KISAN RAIL SERVICES

Since its inception in August 2020, the Kisan Rail service has played a pivotal role in transforming the agricultural logistics landscape. Over the period up to November 15, 2023, 2,364 Kisan Rail services have been operated, transporting approximately 7.93 lakh tonnes of perishable goods. Furthermore, the 50% subsidy on transportation of fruits and vegetables through Kisan rail continued till 31.03.2022. Thereafter, 45% subsidy was given by Ministry of Railways, demonstrating the government's commitment to agricultural development and farmer welfare.¹

2364 Kisan Rail
Services Operated

7.93 Lakh Tonnes
Goods Transported

45% Subsidy
to the Farmers



KRISHI UDAN SCHEME

Complementing the efforts of the Kisan Rail service is the Krishi Udan Scheme. It was launched in August 2020 to ensure seamless, cost effective, time bound air transportation and associated logistics for the agricultural produce from North East, hilly and tribal areas. In order to facilitate and incentivise movement of agri-produce, the scheme envisages waiver of Landing charges, Parking charges, etc. With a network covering 58 airports nationwide, including 25 in priority regions and 33 others in different parts of the country², the scheme aims to bridge the gap between farmers and markets.

58 Airports Covered Nationwide



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¹ <https://sansad.in/getFile/loksabhaquestions/annex/1714/AU640.pdf?source=pqals>

² <https://pib.gov.in/PressRelease>, <https://sansad.in/getFile/loksabhaquestions>