

Sector Undertakings, combination of PPP mode and Engineering, Procurement and Consultancy (EPC), standalone EPC (in certain circumstances), etc. are being considered. Station redevelopment project is intended to cover major Railway stations which are financially viable. The cost of station redevelopment project is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around stations.

Modernisation of stations under various developmental schemes is a continuous and on-going process. Works are taken up as per requirement, volume of passengers, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Recently four stations viz. Guwahati, New Tinsukia, Alipurduar and Rangiya stations have been substantially upgraded in FY 2019-20, in the State of Assam.

Goods trains of Railways

755. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of goods carried by Railways;
- (b) the total number of wagons used for carrying goods; and
- (c) whether Railways have any proposals to increase goods trains to carry goods to North East?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) During 2018-19, Railway revenue earning freight loading was 1221.48 million tonnes *vis-a-vis* 1159.55 million tonnes in 2017-18. In current financial year upto 31.12.2019, Indian Railway loaded 889.19 million tonnes of revenue earning freight traffic.

(b) 286882 and 294536 wagons were used for carrying goods during 2018-2019 and upto 31.12.2019 respectively.

(c) Demand/request for rakes is received in the Railway system in the form of indents which are generally placed by various public sector/Government agencies or private companies. The indent position varies on a day to day basis, since rakes are supplied against these indents. Placing of indents and their subsequent liquidation through actual supplies are continuous and dynamic in nature. The overall supply of rakes *vis-a-vis* indents is done, not on state-wise or region-wise basis, but on station-wise basis.