

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4477
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

VIOLATION OF FREIGHT TERMINAL POLICY

4477. DR. AMAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned freight terminals to private partners under any policy such as Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT) and Private Freight Terminal (PFT) to others and if so, the total number of such terminals sanctioned till date;**
- (b) whether there have been instances of violations or misuse of such freight terminal policies by private partners and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the number of cases identified, nature of violations and the action taken by the Government in each case;**
- (d) the details of the estimated revenue loss caused due to such violations, if any; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure better compliance and protect railway revenue in future?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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(a) to (e) : Following the introduction of the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) policy in 2021, Indian Railways has approved

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proposals for 251 GCTs. Of these, 115 GCTs have already been commissioned so far. Additionally, there exist 81 operational Private Freight Terminals (PFTs) on Indian Railways, which were commissioned prior to the rollout of the GCT policy.

GCTs have helped railways increase revenue. GCTs bring more cargo to railways. This helps the economy by reducing logistics cost. Moreover, more cargo by railways means less emission.

No instances of violations or misuse of freight terminal policies have been noted so far. Every GCT is governed by a transparent and carefully structured agreement mechanism, which clearly outlines the rights and obligations of involved parties. This comprehensive measure contributes to the integrity and effectiveness of the GCT policy, ensuring that both compliance and revenue protection remain a priority for IR.
