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Control.

Austerity Measures

4724. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the austerity measures taken by his Ministry to reduce expenditure; and

(b) the amount saved by adopting these measures during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) An Action Plan was launched in 199-92 to augment earnings and contain expenditure to improve upon the operating ratio. Broad areas to reduce expenditure were:

1. Manpower Planning, Budgeting and

2. Energy conservation and Energy Audit.

3. Improvement in specific Fuel consumption.

4. Better asset utilisation.

5. Cost control and and cost reductions.

6. Investment Planning etc.

(b) Due to the above Action Plan, not only the Ordinary Working Expenses of Rs. 9180 crores (BE) were contained at Rs.9209cr. despite a number of post budgetary factors like higher rate of D.A., devaluation of rupee, increase in the price of coal, electricity, unprecented inflation etc., but also the better financial results achieved as given below:-

(Rs. in cr.)

	B.E.91-92	Actuals91-92
Net Revenue	1772	1541
Payment to Genl. Revenue	1037	1106
Excess for Plan Finance	235	435
Operating Ratio	91.8%	89.5%

[*English*]**Water Borne Diseases**

4725. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any study regarding high incidence of water borne diseases like diarrhoea and guastro-entaris in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to provide microbesfree safe drinking water to the masses for the prevention of these diseases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken or,proposed to be taken to cheek the rise of water borne diseases?