

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1710
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether he is aware that Ministry of Finance has taken steps to minimise wasteful expenditures in Government Departments and has already identified some sectors in which wasteful expenditure is maximum in the Government Departments;
- (b) if so, the details of such sectors of his Ministry/Departments under him, which have been identified by that Ministry for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years as on December 31, 2001; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry of curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST
RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (c) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1710 BY SH
AMAR ROY PRADHAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2002 REGARDING WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways is aware of the emphasis laid by Ministry of Finance on economy and austerity. All instructions on the subject are being scrupulously followed in the Railways. The Railways have been endeavouring to control expenditure and keep it strictly need- based.

As a result of the various economy and austerity measures being taken, it has become possible to effect savings in the Ordinary Working Expenses of the Railways even after absorbing impact of the post budgetary factors. The details of savings achieved in the previous three years are indicated below:-

(Rs. in cr) BE Actuals Savings 1998-99 23720 23255 465 1999-00 25740 25645 95 2000-01 28115 27534 581

Railways, inter alia, have been taking the following steps to ensure control of expenditure :

- (i) Better manpower management for improving per capita productivity.
- (ii) Energy conservation.
- (iii) Efficient utilisation of assets.
- (iv) Reduction in equipment failure.
- (v) Stringent financial and budgetary control through the mechanism of fixation of spending limits and monthly budget proportions and also through control on cash outgo.
- (vi) Austerity in areas of hospitality, publicity, advertisements, etc. --