

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6633
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
MARSHALLING YARDS
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decision was taken long time back not to close down marshalling yards but to keep them operational;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether no capital investment has been made in the yards except for routine maintenance during the last fifteen years;
- (d) whether there are any steps on the anvil to modernize them;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the total number of big, medium and small marshalling yards in the country and the number out of them are working at present and how many have been closed down, giving the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether C&AG in its Report No. 9 of 2001 (Railways) carried a chapter on the working of modernization of yards; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by his Ministry in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (h): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6633 BY SHRI SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.05.2003 REGARDING MARSHALLING YARDS

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Marshalling yard is a yard where goods trains originating from adjoining sections are received, marshalled/sorted out and new trains are formed and despatched for various onward destinations. A marshalling yard, thus facilitates co-ordination of reception and despatch of freight traffic formation/reformation of loads over the Railway network. With the policy decisively shifting away from piecemeal traffic to block rake concept, the role of marshalling yards declined and modernization of marshalling yards was no longer a priority area. The focus has now shifted to streamlining marshalling yards on the basis of block rake concept and simultaneous closing down of activities in marshalling yards which are surplus to the requirement.

(f): As of September 2002, there are 43 marshalling yards over Indian Railways.

(g): No, Sir.

(h): Does not arise.