

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6687  
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003  
EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURE IN RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the expenditure and earnings of the Railways during each of the last three years, zone-wise; and  
(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the earnings and reduce the expenditure in railways?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6687 BY RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 8.5.2003 REGARDING EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURE IN RAILWAYS.

(a): Zone-wise Earnings and Total Working Expenses of Indian Railways during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

RAILWAY ZONE	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
	Total Earnings	Total Working Expenses	Total Earnings	Total Working Expenses	Total Earnings	Total Working Expenses
Central	5418.37	4831.91	5737.15	5305.29	6536.18	5511.41
Eastern	3655.69	4131.55	3793.43	4566.48	3914.76	4742.03
Northern	6221.73	5143.69	6301.56	5683.36	6575.89	5906.51
North Eastern	1043.99	1597.84	1164.14	1818.89	1241.57	1916.48
Northeast Frontier	682.71	1373.87	767.90	1600.28	957.26	1671.08
Southern	2338.27	2679.55	2600.25	3140.57	2606.97	3251.10
South Central	3234.70	2759.91	3625.03	3132.92	3797.06	3356.42
South Eastern	5950.39	4534.37	6561.94	5151.13	7158.36	5443.39
Western	4551.93	3706.39	4701.80	4171.83	5031.32	4392.81
Metro	26.93	84.91	34.38	96.59	39.17	101.98

(b): Steps to increase the earnings:

1. Rationalisation of Freight and Fare structure in Railway Budgets 2002-03 and 2003-04.
2. Reduction in freight classification of 22 commodities.
3. Assigning Train-load classification for all commodities.
4. Liberalisation of station-to station rate scheme to granting concessions in specific streams of traffic.
5. Higher concession for short lead traffic up to 100 km.
6. Rationalisation and reduction of parcel rates.

7 Running of scheduled parcel Express trains on fixed time table.

8. Drives against ticket-less travel.

9. Running of Special trains & attaching extra coaches to clear rush.

10. Augmentation of the composition of trains during peak season.

11. Increasing the coaches of trains to 24.

12. Introduction of new trains.

13. Increase in frequency of trains.

Steps to reduce the expenditure:

(1) Zonal Railways have been instructed to effect saving in revenue expenditure to compensate for unavoidable post-budgetary increases such as revision of diesel prices, hike in power tariff, increase in rates of certain allowances/incentive bonus etc.

(2) Tight control over expenditure in areas such as fuel & power consumption, contractual payments, over time allowance, purchase of materials etc.

(3) Austerity and economy measures in areas such as hospitality, publicity, advertisements, inaugural ceremonies, seminars & workshops, contingent office expenses etc.

(4) Prioritization of expenditure on works for better use of available resources.

(5) Productive use of manpower

(6) Better utilisation of assets

(7) Various steps taken to reduce the cost of operation and maintenance of rolling stock

(8) Improvement in inventory management.