

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:452

ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001

OPERATIONAL RATIO

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the operating ratio fixed for different zonal railways for 2000-2001;
- (b) whether the zonal railways have achieved this operating ratio targets set for the said period ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ;
- (e) whether there is any worsening in the operating ratio due to shortfall in freight traffic and the earnings therefrom ;
- (f) if so, the details thereof ; and
- g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the operating ratio for various zonal railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (g) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 452 BY SHRI RAMSHETH TH. AND SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.8.2001 REGARDING OPERATIONAL RATIO

(a) to (g) The zone-wise operating ratio as fixed and achieved in 2000-01 is given below:-

Zonal Railways As fixed in As achieved
Revised Estimates (Provisional)

Central	91.1	92.6	
Eastern	119.8	121.4	
Northern	91.3	90.1	
North Eastern	155.0	156.6	
Northeast Frontier	224.2	208.2	
Southern	119.0	120.8	
South Central	88.5		86.3
South Eastern	80.4	78.5	
Western	86.5	88.7	
Total	98.5	98.3	

The Railways have been able to achieve the overall operating ratio despite some shortfall in freight traffic and freight earnings. The details of earnings fixed and achieved during 2000-01 are given below:

Earnings Revised Estimate Actuals (Provisional)

Passenger	10450	10515	
Other Coaching		781	764
Freight		23486	23305
Sundry Other		800	703
Total	35517		35287

The Railways have been making vigorous efforts to improve the operating ratio by controlling expenditure and augmenting earnings. Some of the important measures being taken include :

i) Measures to control expenditure by improving staff productivity, assets utilisation, inventory management, fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc.

ii) For improving earnings, aggressive marketing with improved freight services & commercial incentives.

iii) All efforts are being made to curb leakage of revenue and pilferages.