

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ANNUAL INCOME OF RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the annual income of the railways has been decreased over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to tone up the working of the railways and to check the wasteful expenditure?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) No Sir. The figures of earnings of Indian Railways for the last five years are as under:

(Rs. In Crores)

YEAR	ANNUAL INCOME
1995-96	22494.49
1996-97	24352.07
1997-98	28566.18
1998-99	29824.86
1999-2000	33124.71

- (b) Does not arise.

- (c) The following are some of the important areas where improvements are being done continuously for toning up the working of the Railways and checking wasteful expenditure:

. Measures to control expenditure by improving staff productivity, asset utilisation, inventory management, fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc. are being implemented.

. For improving earnings, aggressive marketing with improved freight services and commercial incentives.

. Tapping non-traditional sources of revenues such as utilisation of right of way for laying of optic fibre cable, commercial utilisation of land and air space, advertising rights at stations and on rolling stock etc.

All out efforts to curb leakage of revenues and pilferages.