

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1818  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001  
GENERATION OF REVENUE FROM NON TRADITIONAL RESOURCES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether railways faced with a stagnant allocation from the exchequer and shortfall of plan requirement propose to raise revenue to Rs.1000 crore to meet their plan investment from the non-traditional source of revenue such as from commercial exploitation of land, air space, commercial publicity and rolling stock and railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far to achieve target of Rs.1000 crore from the non-traditional source;
- (c) whether railways have chalked out any strategy to achieve this goal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the planned works of the railways is likely to suffer due to non- fulfilment of target of Rs.1000 crore from the non-traditional source?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1818 BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2001 REGARDING GENERATION OF REVENUE FROM NON-TRADITIONAL RESOURCES

(a) to (e) Railway Budget, 2001-02 inter alia envisaged an earning of Rs.1000 crore from non-traditional sources in order to generate resources for Plan investments. These include (i) Rs.200 crores from commercial utilisation of railway land and air space; (ii) Rs.100 crores from commercial publicity and (iii) Rs.700 crores from right of way for laying Optic Fibre Cable.

To end of August, 2001, an amount of Rs.26 crores has been realised from various usage of land viz. leasing/licensing of land, shopping, plantation, pisciculture etc. The position in this regard is being monitored closely. From commercial publicity, an earning of Rs.11 crores has materialised upto August, 2001. Efforts are being made to improve the earnings from this source, by reassessing the value of sites and identification of new locations, besides liaison with various agencies and industrial houses.

The projected earnings of Rs.700 crores from right of way for laying optic fibre cable is not likely to materialise due to value of Right of Way coming down and Railways' plan to lease the right of way on long term annual lease basis.

Depending on the actual realisation against the budget amount, the plan expenditure will have to be regulated. The Govt. is also extending an additional budgetary support of Rs.898 crores during 2001-02 to accelerate progress of selected projects under New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling and Railway Electrification. In addition, Govt. has also created a non-lapsable 'Special Railway Safety Fund' with a view to wipe out the arrears of asset renewal and replacements, through which Rs.1400 crores is proposed to be spent on safety related works in the current financial year.