GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5097 ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000 SURRENDERING OF FUNDS RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have been surrendering funds with regard to renewal of tracks, bridges and wagons as brought out by Union Government Appropriation Account -Railways (1996-97); and
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5097 BY RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED ON 27-04-2000 REGARDING SURRENDERING OF FUNDS.

(a) The figures of total allotment and actual expenditure under Track Renewals, Bridge Works and Rolling Stock, are as under :-

(Rs. in crore)

Plan head Original Supplementary Total Actual Net Allotment Allotment Expenditure Variation

Track Renewals 1438.17 16.00 1454.17 1596.12 141.95 Bridge Works 83.95 0.00 83.95 81.44 -2.51 Rolling Stock. 1670.56 181.73 1852.29 1948.51 96.22

The figures under Rolling Stock include Locomotives, Coaches, Wagons and Components and the same are appearing as a whole in the Appropriation Accounts - 1996-97. However, total expenditure under acquisition of wagons was also in excess of original allotment, by Rs.67.96 crore.

It may be seen that small amount was surrendered only under the plan head 'Bridge Works'.

(b) The surrender of Rs.2.51 crore under `Bridge Works`, constituting a minor percentage of only 2.99% of the total allotment of Rs.83.95 crore is due to slow progress of works of road over/under bridges which involve both Railways and State authorities, besides other reasons such as delay in finalisation of plans and estimates, tenders, poor availability of materials etc.