

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNECONOMIC RAIL ROUTES  
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether rail services at various rail routes are running into losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, route-wise;
- (c) the amount of loss incurred thereon during the last three years, route-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to avoid such losses?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

- (a) 'Yes, Sir', some lines are incurring losses.
- (b) & (c) A statement showing details of amount of losses incurred by these railway lines, route-wise, during the last three years is attached. Low density of traffic, short-lead and severe competition from road traffic are some of the reasons making these lines unviable.
- (d) Steps are being taken, which include curtailment in staff strength, reduction in number of train services, dismantling of redundant sidings, introduction of rail-bus services, observance of economy in operations etc. Besides, Ministry of Railways have also constituted a Committee of Railway Officers to carry out a comprehensive study of uneconomic branch lines to identify the major causes for losses, the remedial measures for implementation and also to examine the feasibility of concessioning some of the branch lines.