

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3775
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
INTERNAL GENERATION OF REVENUE
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways' internal generation of revenue is not yet adequate to fully take care of replacement requirement;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the funds utilised out the Special Railway Safety Fund to wipe out the arrears of replacement/renewals work during the last one year, zone-wise; and
- (d) the replacement/renewals work carried out by the Railways in the country particularly in Maharashtra during the last one year, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3775 BY SHRI RAMSHETH THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21-08-2003 REGARDING INTERNAL GENERATION OF REVENUE.

(a) & (b) : Despite the improvement in the Railways' financial position over the last two years, the Railways' internal generation is not adequate enough to fully take care of funds required for complete replacements/renewals. The Government, in 2001-02, constituted a Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF) of Rs.17000 cr to wipe out the arrears of replacement/renewals in a fixed time schedule of six years. The amount of Rs.17000 cr includes a contribution of Rs.12000 cr from the Government as dividend free budgetary support and the balance of Rs.5000 cr is to be raised by the Railways through levy of a safety surcharge on passenger fares, over a period of six years.

(c) : The zone-wise net expenditure on replacement/ renewal works under Special Railway Safety Fund for the year 2002-03 is as under:-

(Rs. in cr)

Railway	Expenditure
Central	346.33
Eastern	258.23
Northern	360.82
North Eastern	76.33
Northeast	119.60
Frontier	
Southern	194.29
South Central	344.46
South Eastern	466.25
Western	319.98
Metro, Kolkata	0.03

(d) : State-wise statistics are not maintained. However, the actual replacement/renewal works carried out during 2002- 03 under the main plan-heads of SRSF are indicated below:-

Items Works Carried Out

Track Renewals 3343 CTR Kms

Rehabilitation of
Bridges 496 Nos

Signal & Telecom.
Works 169 stations

Track Circuiting 610 locations

Rolling Stock 89 Coaches
226 Wagons