

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF NILGIRI MOUNTAIN RAILWAY
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) is running into losses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of financial position during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal to improve the track, coaches and other infrastructures in NMR;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the purpose; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to improve the services and to provide better facilities to the tourists visiting NMR?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Nilgiri Mountain Railway is running into losses owing to less patronage. The financial position during the last three years are as below:

(Amount in Crore of Rupees)

2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

Earnings	3.35	3.68	4.22
Expenditure	4.93	5.07	8.68
Loss	1.58	1.39	4.46

(c) to (e): An amount of Rs.2 crores has been sanctioned for coach maintenance. Besides, there are proposals for the manufacturing of additional coaches, locos and for the track renewals.

Computerised reservation with Touch Screen facility has been provided with at Mettupalaiyam, Coonoor, Udhamandalam stations for the convenience of the tourists. Funds for provision of amenity and repair works at various stations, over this Railway, has also been allocated.