

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2308
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006
FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are running some welfare activities for the children and dependents of railway employees especially in railway colonies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the annual amount being spent by Railways thereon, Zone-wise;
- (d) whether railway propose to review the facilities being provided for welfare activities in these colonies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2308 BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI, TO BE ANSWERED ON 07-12-2006 REGARDING FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

(a) to (e): Indian Railways undertake various staff welfare activities for the benefit of railway employees as well as their children and dependents. These are medical care through Railway's hospitals and health units, health care and sanitation, free travel facilities and other activities under Staff Benefit Fund like Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic dispensaries; relief to employees in distress; promotion of culture, women empowerment, sports, scouting and other recreation activities. The activities specifically targeted at employees' children/dependents are, scholarships for technical education under Staff Benefit Fund and education through schools in railway sector as well as Kendriya Vidyalayas, etc.

Zone-wise amounts budgeted for the Staff Welfare and Amenities for the year 2006-07 are as under :-

S. No. Railway Zone Net Amount Budgeted for 2006-07
(In crores of Rupees)

1. Central	Rs.157.20
2. Eastern	Rs.141.46
3. Northern	Rs.184.56
4. North Eastern	Rs.68.54
5. Northeast Frontier	Rs.136.73
6. Southern	Rs.142.64
7 South Central	Rs.173.65
8. South Eastern	Rs.128.60
9. Western	Rs.139.22
10. East Central	Rs.85.43
11. East Coast	Rs.67.97
12. North Central	Rs.69.38
13. North Western	Rs.65.14
14. South East Central	Rs.64.29
15. South Western	Rs.45.76
16. West Central	Rs.63.39
17. Metro Railway/Kolkata	Rs.4.34

Total Rs.1738.30

Review of the welfare activities and facilities provided thereunder by the Indian Railways is an on-going process.