

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4454

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN RAILWAY BY DIFFERENT STATES ZONES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any estimate on the contribution of various States/Railway Zones in revenue earning to the national exchequer (Railways);

(b) if so, the details of each of the last three years separately;

(c) the investment made through various projects by Railways in those States/Zones during the same period;

(d) the steps taken by Railways in removing the regional imbalance in the matter of the development of Railways; 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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4454 BY SHRI ANANTA NAYAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26-8-2004 REGARDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN RAILWAY BY DIFFERENT STATES & ZONES

(a) to (c) Railway finances are an integral part of the Consolidated Fund of India and traffic earnings of the Railways form part of receipts of the General Revenues. Estimation of Railways' income and expenditure is made for zonal railways and not State-wise. Zone-wise details of traffic earnings in the last three years and investment made on various zonal railways through projects under New Lines, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Electrification and Metropolitan Transport Projects are given as under:

(d) & (e) Railways network expansion is undertaken keeping in view the traffic demands both in the freight and passenger segments, projected growth of traffic, and for augmenting the saturated capacities. Network expansion is also taken into account as also rail connectivity to various parts of the country on strategic considerations, etc.