GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:593 ANSWERED ON:11.11.2010 LOSS DUE TO FLOOD Viswanathan Shri P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have incurred huge losses during current year's heavy monsoon and floods due to cancellation and late running of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have taken any steps of offset the losses by introducing large number of special trains especially during festival seasons and vacations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b): The total passenger earnings of Indian Railway has registered an increase of `1165.42 crores (10.27%) during the period from 01.04.2010 to 30.09.2010 as compared to corresponding period of last year. The loss due to cancellation and late running of trains on account of floods is estimated to be `7 crores approximately.

(c) & (d): Special trains are run on various sectors not with the sole motive to earn profit or to offset loss but mainly for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons and during festivals keeping in view the pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of resources. It is a continuous process.