

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE CUT IN RAILWAYS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have issued any direction to prune non-plan expenditure and other miscellaneous spending;
- (b) if so, the details and objective thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have hired several consultants/Advisors;
- (d) if so, the details and objective thereof alongwith monthly expenditure incurred thereon;
- (e) whether the Railways have stopped payment to contractors and overtime/ night allowances to its staff;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the remedial steps taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) In view of the implementation of recommendations of the VI Central Pay Commission, the Railways have been asked to control the expenditure and stay within the Budget allocations as a matter of financial discipline and prudence.
- (c) & (d) Five Consultants/Advisers have been appointed for advising the Ministry in the specialized fields of public relations, publication, advertising, etc, at a total monthly fee of Rs.1.6 lakh approx.
- (e) No staff payments have been stopped. Contractors are being paid according to budgetary allocation to the Zonal Railway.
- (f) & (g) Do not arise.