

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:202

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RAILWAY TRAFFIC

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of share of Railways in handling of the country's transport sector as compared to other modes like road transport and aviation sectors;

(b) whether the volume of transport handled by the Railways has declined during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to face the competition given by the other modes of transport sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 BY SHRI BHISMA SHANKER ALIAS KUSHAL TIWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2011 REGARDING RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

(a): The percentage share of various modes of transport in freight traffic was worked out on the basis of a study conducted by RITES, a Railway PSU, in 2007-08. The share of Rail Transport in freight, when worked out in terms of Net Tonne Kilometres, stood at 36.06%, while the share of Road Transport was 50.12%. Other competing modes of transport constitute the residual 14%. Similar statistics have not been compiled for Passenger Transportation. With the recent thrust on increasing expansion of rail network and introduction of new services, the data on freight and passenger traffic becomes dynamic and needs continuous updating through such studies to get proper perspective. A clear picture of market share will emerge on completion of such a study.

(b): No, Madam. The volume of freight and passenger traffic has increased in the last three years and is shown in table below:

TRANSPORT OUTPUT 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Net Ton Km (NTKM) in billion 521.372 538.226 600.548

Year on Year (YOY) Growth in NTKM 8.39% 3.23% 11.58%

Passenger Km (PKM) in billion 771.07 839.296 904.76

YOY Growth in PKM 10.81% 8.85% 7.8%

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Steps towards augmenting the market share is a continuous process. Railways offer environment friendly and economical mode of transport under one vast organizational network with least time taken in transit, as compared to road. Railways make continuous efforts to increase its market share leveraging these advantages, and have initiated action by issuing policies like Wagon Investment Scheme, Railways' Infrastructure for Industry (R3i) policy, Railway Connectivity to Coal and Iron Ore Mines (R2Ci) policy, Special Freight Train Operation Policy (SFTO), Private Freight Terminal Policy, Container Operators Policy, leasing of Vehicle Parcel Units (VPUs) Policy, etc. This has had a salutary effect on improving freight traffic on the railways and consequently improving its market share. Similarly, in increasing the market share for passenger, railways have concentrated on improvement in services like increasing the number and speed of trains, riding comfort of trains by manufacturing higher speed coaches, increasing safety by adopting

various modern gadgets, improving passenger amenities at both stations & trains, etc.