GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the progress made so far on the Vision- 2020 Document;
- (b) whether there have been delays in achieving the targets set therein;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Railways for achieving the targets in a time-bound manner?

Answer

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

- (a): Vision 2020 for Indian Railways presented to Parliament in December, 2009 broadly aimed at providing customer and citizen centric services of high quality at efficient cost and attaining a state of zero shortage, zero accident and reliability in services. Some of the major goals set for 2020 are:
- (i) 25,000 kms of new lines;
 (ii) Quadrupling of 6000 kms with segregation of passenger and freight lines;
 (iii) Electrification of 14000 kms;
 (iv) Completions of gauge conversion;
 (v) Upgradation of speed to 160-200 kmph for passenger trains; and

As provisionally estimated by the Ministry, the achievement in respect of various Parameters in the year 2010-11 has been as under:

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Originating Traffic 921.51 Million tonnes

(estimated) (growth of 3.77% over 2009-10)

Originating Passengers 7831 Million

(estimated) (growth of 6.08% over 2009-10)

No. of Consequential 141
accidents (decrease of 14.55% over 2009-10)
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New Lines

709 kms

(vi) Construction 2000 kms of high-speed rail lines.

iv. Wagons 16638

iii. Coaches 3660

- (b) & (c): Vision 2020 had clearly indicated the need for high level of upfront investment by Government in capacity creation/augmentation and modernisation of Railways. The progress has to be judged in the context of overall availability/paucity of resources.
- (d): Infrastructure development and improvement in performance is a continuous and ongoing exercise and it is the constant endeavour of Railways to maximise revenue, optimise costs, improve safety and deliver customer- focussed services.