

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:523  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2012  
FINANCIAL INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS  
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

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

- (a) whether the Railways are facing constraints of infrastructure and financial resources;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Railway to overcome these constraints;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the railway network in the country has become over worked, saturated and unable to meet the rising demands of freight and passenger traffic; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.523 BY SHRI R. THAMARASELVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2012 REGARDING FINANCIAL/INFRASTRUCTURAL CONSTRAINTS.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Overcoming infrastructural constraints is a continuous process. Steps taken by the Railways in this direction include doubling/tripling/quadrupling of lines, construction of Intermediate Block Signaling, longer loops, bypasses, fly-overs, goodsheds, coaching terminals, procurement of requisite rolling stock, electrification, etc., Besides Railways have enhanced resources through, market borrowings for funding rolling stock and through rationalization of freight structure.

(c): Yes, Madam. Railways are aware of the saturation of the network at various locations. Around 30% - 40% of Indian Railways Network is having more than 100% line capacity utilisation.

(d): Several steps are being taken by Railways in this regard, which include implementation of 166 nos. of doubling projects and traffic facility works which include additional line, auto signalling, bypass, C class station, coaching facilities, crossing station, electrification, flyover, foot over bridge, goods shed, intermediate block signalling, loop, Signalling and Yard remodelling.

Moreover, construction of 2 Dedicated Freight Corridor projects comprising more than 3000 kms, traversing the Western and Eastern parts of the country respectively is in progress, which specifically aims at easing traffic congestion on critical routes. Feasibility studies in respect of 4 additional corridors are also underway.