GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:382
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2012
FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS
Das Shri Khagen;Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set and achieved by the Railways for Internal and Extra Budgetary Resource (IEBR) generation during the 11th Five Year Plan:
- (b) whether the lack of funds are hampering on-going and survey related projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (d) whether the Railways are short of funds for undertaking infrastructural expansion; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to increase revenue generation?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 382 BY DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN AND SHRI KHAGEN DAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2012 REGARDING FUNDS FOR RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a): The targets of Internal Resources and Extra Budgetary resource mobilization set for the Eleventh Five Year Plan and the achievements are as under:

(Rs. In Crores)

Target Outlay Anticipated Outlay

Internal Resources 90,000 66,704 Extra Budgetary Resources 79,654 48,504

Total 1,69,654 1,15,208

- (b) & (c): There is a large shelf of ongoing sanctioned projects. However, resources are limited. As on 1.4.2011, there are 340 ongoing new line, gauge conversion and doubling projects requiring about Rs. 1,25,000 Crores for their completion. As a result the available funds get thinly spread over large number of projects resulting in slow progress as per availability of resources. Besides seeking higher Gross Budgetary Support from Planning Commission, efforts are being made to generate Extra Budgetary Resources through State Government participation, Public-Private Partnership etc.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. It is planned to increase revenue generation by carrying higher freight and passenger volumes, rationalisation of revenue stream, commercial exploitation of land and control over expenditure.