

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR RAIL SAFETY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have been facing acute shortage of funds especially for safety related upgrade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Railways have sought special package from the Union Government for the upgradation of safety measures; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government received in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Safety related upgrade is a continuous process and depends on traffic moved and accordingly funds are arranged. The implementation of the VI Central Pay Commission recommendations since 2008-09 has had an effect on the Railways' fund balances. Efforts are, however, made to provide adequately for important safety related works.

For upgradation in safety to next level and to meet the requirement of arrears in asset renewals, if any, all departments in the Ministry of Railways have been advised to furnish fund requirement against safety and modernization works related to their departments.

Railways are in the process of firming up funding requirements for strengthening and upgrading the safety measures. The modalities of funding the enhanced requirement including, through support from the Government, is being worked out.