

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2021

ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS

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

(a) whether despite the hike in freight charges and a partial increase in the passenger fares, the Railway's earnings have fallen short of their target in the first quarter of current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to improve their earnings?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2021 BY Shri Sanjay Bhoi, Shri Eknath M. Gaikwad, Shri B. B. Patil and Shri Anand Prakash Paranjpe TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.08.2012 REGARDING Earnings of Railways.

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The railway's earnings have fallen short of `668 crore from the target in the first quarter of current financial year. However, the railways earnings have increased by `5411 crore to end of June'2012 as compared to the position obtaining in the corresponding period of last year showing a growth of 22%. The details are as under:-

(Rs.in crore)

Particulars of earnings Financial year 2011-12 Financial year 2012-13

	Actual upto June'2011	Target upto June'2012	Actual upto June'2012
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Passenger	6631	7601	7295
Other Coaching	655	719	734
Goods	16411	21341	21021
Sundry	502	617	560

Total Earnings	24199	30278	29610
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(c): The steps taken by the Railways to increase the freight revenues are optimization of operational efficiency and earnings through progressive increases in axle loads as well as carrying capacity of wagons. In addition, Railways have also taken a number of steps to attract additional traffic, which, inter-alia, include implementation of a differential tariff regime for specifically addressing situations arising out of skewed demand during different periods of the year as well as across different regions of the country. A slew of freight incentives schemes are also in place for attracting traffic, particularly in the traditional empty flow direction and during lean season. In passenger segment also, Indian Railways continuously strive to generate more revenue by introducing new trains, enhance the composition of more popular trains, running special trains and attaching extra coaches in the existing trains to cater to additional demand.