

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2133

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OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operating ratio of the Indian Railways is comparatively higher than other countries e.g. China, U.S., France etc.;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the details of operating ratio of the Indian Railways during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to bring down their operating ratio and improve the railway infrastructure/services keeping pace the increasing traffic needs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(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.2133 BY DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN, SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS AND SHRI GOPAL SINGH SHEKHAWAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2012 REGARDING OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS

(a) and (b) The information on Operating Ratio of railway systems in other countries is neither compiled nor maintained in this Ministry. Moreover, there are issues of diverse computation methodologies across countries, thus reducing validity of comparison of such statistical figures. The Operating Ratio of the Indian Railways was 95.3% in 2009-10; 94.6% in 2010-11 and 94.9% in 2011-12. Budget Estimates 2012-13 envisage an operating ratio of 84.9%.

(c) It is continuous endeavour of the Railways to control expenditure and increase revenues. Steps being taken for maximizing the traffic earnings inter-alia include rationalization of fare and freight tariff; effective marketing strategies to capture more and more traffic; creation of additional capacity and optimum utilization of the existing rail infrastructure; improved throughput by steps to increase productivity and efficiency; improvement of passenger interface etc. Railways are making efforts to contain the expenditure through diverse means including strict economy and austerity measures; improved man-power planning; better asset utilization and inventory management, optimizing fuel consumption etc.