

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON FUEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the impact of expenditure on fuel cost due to hike in the prices of diesel after the introduction of market rates for bulk diesel consumption for the Railways;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to offset the losses being incurred as a result thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) The increase in the rates of High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil in January 2013 has added Rs.3,300 crore to the annual fuel bill of Railways.

(b) & (c) With a view to rationally insulate Railways' finances, particularly in the context of deregulation of HSD oil, a dynamic pricing mechanism has been introduced for adjusting tariffs in sync with movements in fuel cost.

The Railways are targeting economy in fuel bill by improving fuel efficiency, better management and utilizing state-of-the-art technologies like guidance for optimized locomotive driving technique, provision of auxiliary power unit, electronic fuel injection etc., introduction of alternate fuel like bio-diesel, CNG etc.