

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2237

ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013

COST OF TRAIN OPERATION

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

- (a) the assessment made regarding the rise in train operation cost during 2012-13 and 2013-14 as a result of the increase in the prices of power and diesel;
- (b) the present cost of train operation along with the monthly percentage of loss being incurred by the Railways and the year-wise increase in the number of train passengers during the last three years till date;
- (c) whether the Railways have made any assessment about the rise in the number of passengers every year;
- (d) if so, the zones where the number of passengers has declined along with the zones where the said number has increased during the last three years;
- (e) whether the number of trains in such zones has been increased in proportion to the rise in the number of passengers; and
- (f) if so, the details for the last three years and if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2237 BY SHRIMATI SUSMITA BAURI, SHRIMATI PUTUL KUMARI, SHRI NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY AND SHRI ARVIND KUMAR CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.08.2013 REGARDING COST OF TRAIN OPERATION.

(a) :As informed during the budget speech, additional impact on Railways expenditure in 2012-13 was Rs.3300 crore due to increase in HSD cost. The additional expenditure due to increase in fuel cost is estimated at about Rs.5100 crore in 2013-14.

(b): The present cost of train operation is about Rs.116927 crore for the year 2012-13. While, no monthly profitability of train operation is worked out, the annual estimated loss on coaching services in 2012-13 is Rs.25803 crore. Year wise increase in the number of train passenger during the last three years is furnished below:

Year	No. of Passengers (million)	Increase (%)
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2010-11	7810	5.79
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2011-12	8224	5.30
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2012-13 (prov.)	8501	3.37
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(c)&(d): There has been a rise in the number of passengers every year from 7810.15 million in 2010-11 to 8224.38 million in 2011-12 and 8501.30 million in 2012-13. In all the zones the number of passengers have increased during the last three years except North Eastern Railway where the number of passengers have marginally declined from 249.30 million in the year 2011-12 to 248.95 million in 2012-13.

(e): Ridership on Indian Railways depends not only on introduction of new train services but also on extension and increase in frequency of existing trains as well as their augmentation, etc. As the running of trains is generally not always confined to a particular zonal railway, comparative statistics of increase in number of passenger vis-a-vis increase in number of trains on zone-wise basis are not maintained.

(f) Does not arise.