

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:13
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DIVERSION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds allotted for security being diverted to other heads to show profit in the Railways is one of the reasons for rising rate of accidents in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the quantum of funds for modernization of railways is being slashed continuously over the period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise

(c) & (d) The Plan expenditure under Demand No.16-Assets-Acquisition, Construction & Replacement, which was 45,060 cr in 2011-12 has gone up to 50,118 cr in 2012-13. This has been fixed at 63,363 cr in 2013-14 (BE). It would therefore be seen that the expenditure for activities related to development, modernization and replacement of assets is increasing over the years. Thus question of funds for modernization being slashed does not arise.