

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:409

ANSWERED ON:17.12.2009

WHITE PAPER ON FUNCTIONING OF RAILWAYS

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

- (a) whether any assessment has been made on the organisational, operational and the financial status of the Railways based on the performance during the last five years;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways propose to bring out a 'white paper' on the functioning of the Railways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which the white paper is likely to be brought out;
- (e) whether any document on the future vision for Railways has been developed; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 409 BY DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI AND SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.12.2009 REGARDING WHITE PAPER ON FUNCTIONING OF RAILWAYS.

(a) to (d) : Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Railways has decided to bring out a 'White Paper' indicating Railways organizational, operational and financial status based on its performance in last five years. The White Paper is currently under preparation and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) & (f): Planning for future of Railways is a continuous and ongoing exercise. However, a "Vision 2020 Document" is being developed and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.