

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REVENUE OF RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the existing revenue structure and suggest ways and means to improve the financial condition of Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways thereon; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government as short-term measures to improve the condition of Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Ministry of Railways had constituted a High Level Committee with Shri D.K. Mittal as Chairman to identify factors, issues and avenues for improving financial health of Indian Railways. The Committee was constituted on 3rd December 2014 and asked to submit its report by 21st December 2014.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The Committee submitted its report on 26th December 2014 with recommendations for short term and medium/ long term action plan relating to improving revenue generation from passenger and freight operations, asset monetization and resource mobilization, and increasing efficiency and productivity. The recommendations as are considered feasible for immediate implementation have been taken into account for framing the Railway Budget for the financial year 2015-16.

(e) Steps have been taken to rationalize passenger fare and freight structure to improve cost recovery and to increase internal generation to meet investment needs. Continuous efforts have been made to improve efficiency of operations and maintenance and to enhance safety, security and passenger amenities. Action has also been initiated to prioritize projects and to increase investment in upgradation, modernization and capacity expansion of the railway network.