

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6085  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

**UNECONOMICAL TRAIN STOPPAGES**

**6085. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA :  
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SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN :  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN :**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Committee to look into strategies for increasing the carrying capacity and speed of trains and whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;**
- (b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee;**
- (c) whether the Railway Board has directed Zonal Railways to prepare a list of uneconomical train stoppages and withdraw them over a period of time and whether the railway divisions have finalized their list;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to cut down expenditure and make Indian Railways profitable?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6085 BY SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA, SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO, KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR, SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA, SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR, SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN AND SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.04.2018 REGARDING UNECONOMICAL TRAIN STOPPAGES**

**(a) & (b) : No, Madam. However, with a view to increase speed and mobility of trains in Indian Railways an Action Plan has been formulated which include removal of speed restrictions, construction of road over bridges(ROBs) and road under bridges (RUBs), right powering of trains, introduction of twin-pipe in wagons and replacement of conventional trains by Main Line Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) trains and Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) trains.**

**(c) : No, Madam. Although review of uneconomical/experimental stoppages is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, however, at present there is no proposal of withdrawal of uneconomical/experimental stoppages provided over Indian Railways.**

**(d) : Does not arise.**

**(e) : Indian Railways(IR) is already generating surplus after meeting all its revenue expenditure from its own revenues. However, improving the profitability of IR is an ongoing process executed through measures for enhancing earnings and controlling avoidable revenue expenditure.**

**Revenue enhancing measures, inter alia, include targeting progressively higher traffic throughput, effective marketing strategies to capture more**

**and more traffic, creation of additional capacity and optimum utilization of the existing rail infrastructure, enhancement in productivity and efficiency, improvement of passenger interface, periodic rationalization of fare and freight rates and focus on increasing the share of non-fare revenue sources in Railways' earnings.**

**For controlling revenue expenses, Railways are given spending limits lower than the sanctioned budget. They are also repeatedly instructed to effect savings in revenue expenditure to compensate for unavoidable post-budgetary increases such as revision of diesel prices, hike in power tariff, increase in rates of certain allowances/incentive bonus etc. The expenditure is monitored strictly according to the spending limits through monthly financial reviews.**

**Other expenditure control measures include:**

- **Tight control over expenditure in areas such as fuel/power consumption, contractual payments, purchase of materials etc is maintained.**
- **Energy audit of major load centres, effecting savings in electricity bills due to purchase of power by railways as “distribution licensee”**
- **Prioritization of expenditure on works/activities for better use of available resources.**
- **Improvement in manpower productivity.**
- **Improvement in asset utilization by taking innovative measures and best practices available.**
- **Improvement in inventory management.**
- **Reducing the cost of operation and maintenance of rolling stock.**

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