

(Rs. in Crores)			
Railway	1995-96 (Actuals)	1996-97 (Actuals)	1997-98 (R.E.)
1	2	3	4
Central	136.62	149.24	196.92
Eastern	129.25	144.38	185.61
Northern	168.11	199.09	268.13
North Eastern	60.13	67.44	88.05
Northeast Frontier	54.44	60.41	78.55

1	2	3	4
Southern	93.71	96.82	130.01
South Central	108.43	124.00	159.78
South Eastern	172.55	199.37	256.47
Western	126.75	142.27	190.02
Total	1049.99	1183.02	1553.54

(b) The details of railway track renewed and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, zone-wise are as given below:

Railway	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores) (Gross)			Track renewed (in Kms.)		
	1995-96 (Actuals)	1996-97 (Actuals)	1997-98 (R.E.)	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Central	254.25	276.49	313.50	403	444	506
Eastern	164.2	202.68	210.00	316	337	351
Northern	226.94	232.7	235.00	459	429	467
North Eastern	53.95	65.22	76.00	173	162	185
Northeast Frontier	42.02	57.65	53.00	92	93	83
Southern	105.57	99.83	121.00	221	214	221
South Central	178.78	122.2	107.00	328	213	170
South Eastern	349.77	361.69	405.00	586	593	615
Western	170.59	178.06	204.50	315	310	353
Total	1546.07	1596.52	1725.00	2893	2795	2951

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Non-Profitable Airports

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Airports which are non-profitable;

(b) whether the Government propose to entrust the non-profitable Airports with the State Governments and Private Companies;

(c) if so, whether any decision on the above proposal has been taken;

(d) if so, whether private Companies have been entrusted with operating any Airports in India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) Out of 120 airports controlled by AAI (5 international airports, 87 domestic airports and 28 civil enclaves), 99 airport are unprofitable.

(b) and (c) The policy on Airport Infrastructure recognises the need for change in the management of airports in the country. AAI has identified 32 unprofitable airports which could be handed over to the State Governments for upkeep and maintenance. Kolhapur and Sholapur airports have already been transferred to the State Government of Maharashtra on mutually agreed terms.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.