GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1541
ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

DECREASED OPERATION OF GOODS TRAINS IN LOCKDOWN

1541. # SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a decrease in the operation of goods trains during the lockdown;

(b) if so, the decrease in number of goods trains as against the previous year;

(c) the quantity of goods transported through goods trains during the said period; and

(d) the amount of loss incurred by the Railways due to the decrease in the operation of goods trains and the reduction in freight traffic, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1541 BY SMT PHULO DEVI NETAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.09.2020 REGARDING DECREASED OPERATION OF GOODS TRAINS IN LOCKDOWN

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. Freight loading declined by 73.31 MT (164.57 Million Tonnes during the period 25.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 compared to 237.88 MT in the same period of previous year). The reduced loading led to corresponding decrease in the operation of goods trains.

(c) : Indian Railways transported 164.57 Million Tonnes of freight through goods trains during this period (25.03.2020 to 31.05.2020).

(d) : Due to decrease in operation of goods train and reduction in freight traffic in lockdown period, freight revenue of Indian Railways reduced by ₹ 7,959 crores compared to revenue in the same period of last year (₹ 14781.47 crores during the period 25.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 compared to ₹ 22740.47 crores in the same period of previous year).

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