

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

INCREASE IN TRANSPORTATION OF COAL BY RAILWAYS

1556. # SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) the increased quantity of coal transported by the Indian Railways in the months of March, April, May and June of the current year as compared to the last year;
- b) whether the excessive transportation of coal by goods trains is the only reason for cancellations of many passenger trains by Railways; and
- c) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the negative impact of cancellation of passenger trains on the economy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556 BY SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 29.07.2022 REGARDING INCREASE IN TRANSPORTATION OF COAL BY RAILWAYS

- (a) During the year 2022, the increased quantity of coal transported by the Indian Railways in the months of March, April, May and June as compared to the last year is as under;

Month	Year 2022	Year 2021	(in million tonnes) var. over last year	
			(+)/(-)	%age
March	64.47	58.82	5.65	9.61
April	58.33	52.52	5.81	11.06
May	65.26	54.91	10.35	18.85
June	63.47	50.29	13.18	26.21

- (b) No, Sir. Train services are cancelled every year due to both internal and external factors which include infrastructural/maintenance works, accidents, law & order problems, agitations, bad weather etc.
- (c) No, Sir. No study to assess the impact of cancellation of passenger trains on the economy has been conducted.
