

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1879**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023**

**REVENUE EARNED THROUGH FREIGHT TRANSPORT**

1879# SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) total revenue earned by the Railways through freight transport during each of the last three years, zone-wise;
- (b) whether the share of railways in transport of goods is too low in comparison to that of road transport, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum of goods, in metric tonnes, loaded every year through freight transport by Railways during the said period, the details thereof; and
- (d) details of profit booked during the said period, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 1879 BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING REVENUE EARNED THROUGH FREIGHT TRANSPORT**

(a) Zone wise position of Freight Revenue earned by the Indian Railways during the last 3 years is as under:

(₹ in crore)

<b>ZONE</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23 (Provisional)</b>
Central	7,022.88	9,243.03	10,392.33
Eastern	4,483.80	5,487.43	6,168.65
East Central	9,415.00	11,564.75	13,577.64
East Coast	16,913.89	18,511.22	20,290.87
Northern	7,249.66	9,823.37	12,547.29
North Central	7,577.66	10,093.16	12,011.71
North Eastern	1,603.42	1,643.18	1,907.00
Northeast Frontier	2,190.66	2,606.52	3,198.52
North Western	4,856.63	5,228.14	6,840.71
Southern	2,604.04	3,112.85	3,446.97
South Central	9,031.72	12,320.14	14,246.99
South Eastern	13,855.63	14,734.79	15,730.00
South East Central	13,430.93	15,680.23	17,397.07
South Western	3,061.72	3,842.07	4,202.20
Western	5,949.81	7,495.27	8,943.11
West Central	7,984.37	9,710.24	11,361.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,17,231.82</b>	<b>1,41,096.39</b>	<b>1,62,262.90</b>

(b) Regular compilation of rail and road shares in total freight movement is not done. Last time these were compiled by Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited (RITES) as part of the National Rail Plan Study, according to which the modal share of Railways was around 26% in 2017-18. Indian Railways have prepared a National Rail Plan (NRP) for India - 2030. The objective of the plan is to create capacity ahead of demand, which in turn, would also cater to future growth in demand right up to 2050 and also increase the modal share of Railways to 40-45% in freight traffic and to continue to sustain it.

(c) Commodity-wise position of goods loaded during the last three year is as under:

S.No.	Commodity	Tonnes Originating (In millions)		
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Provisional)
1	Coal	541.82	652.81	727.24
2	Raw material for steel plants except iron ore	24.90	29.03	28.15
3	Pig iron and finished steel	60.06	68.50	69.87
4	Iron Ore	159.13	168.36	160.14
5	Cement	120.40	137.19	143.93
6	Foodgrains	62.82	73.38	70.92
7	Fertilizers	53.79	49.18	56.34
8	Mineral Oil (POL)	42.48	44.46	48.22
9	Container Service	63.16	74.26	79.22
10	Other goods	102.38	118.70	125.07
	Total	1230.94	1415.87	1509.10

(d) The available details of profit in freight services during last three years are as under:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Profit on freight services
2019-20	28,745
2020-21 (Covid Year)	17,252
2021-22	36,196

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