### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 271 ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

### RAILWAY SAFETY FUND

### 271. DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) details of various Railway Safety Funds created and operated to improve railway safety in the last five years;
- b) amounts mobilized, allocated and expended from various safety funds during last five years, year-wise and division-wise, details thereof;
- c) whether it is a fact that amounts from safety funds were utilized for foot massagers, crockery, electrical appliances, furniture, winter jackets, payment of salaries, etc.;
- d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- e) details of Comptroller and Auditor General observations in this regard in their audit reports including the report on "Derailments in the Indian Railways"?

### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTORONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 271 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY FUND.

(a) & (b) Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) was created in 2017-18 for execution of assessed safety works with a corpus of ₹1 lakh crore over a period of 5 years. The projects taken up under this fund relate to track renewal, bridges, signalling, rolling stock,training andamenities for safety critical staff. RRSK works are to be funded from Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) and Railwaysrevenues/resources;including mobilisation of resources through Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR), as per Ministry of Finance guidelines on RRSK.From 2017-18 till 2021-22 an expenditure of ₹1.08 lakh crore was incurred on RRSK works. Details of expenditure incurred is appended as Appendix-I.

Railway Safety Fund (RSF) was created in 2001-02 initially to fund works relating to Level Crossing and Road Over Bridge & Road Under Bridge. Its scope has subsequently been expanded for capital expenditure on othersafety works also.

During last five years, Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) and Railway Safety Fund (RSF) have been operated for expenditure on safety related works. Apart from this Capital Expenditure from Gross Budgetary Support, DRF and DF is made on safety related works. Between FY 2014-15 and FY 2022-23 the total expenditure and BE for FY 2023-24 amounts to ₹ 1.78 lakh crores on safety related plan heads. Details are appended as Appendix-II. This amount is about 2.5 times the amount spent on safety related plan heads during FY 2004-05 to FY 2013-14 (₹ 70,274 crore)

Funds are provided project-wise which may fall in multiple zones/divisions, hence, zone-wise expenditure on safety worksis appended as Appendix-III.

(c) to (e)Safety critical staff like drivers keep continuous watch on track and signals. This involves standing. Therefore, the quality of rest after duty hours is very important. To have loco pilots/assistant loco pilots well rested before the next duty, amenities like foot massager, yoga mats, fitness facilities, kitchen utensils were recommended for running rooms, in the technical report submitted by Centre for Advance Maintenance Technology (CAMTECH) in 2013. Laptops and computers were also provided for safety related Track Management System application besides training of safety manpower. Hence, the expenditures were based on set guidelines for procurement of up gradation of running room and training staff etc. directly related with safety of train running.

C&AG in its performance audit report No 22 of 2022 on "Derailment in Indian Railways" has observed that some of the expenditure booked to RRSKwas in non-priority items. Railways has replied to the audit observation in the Action Taken Note, stating that these expenditures are covered by policy letters and technical report of CAMTECH on Running Room Facilities. Accordingly, required expenditure on equipment and gear for safety critical staff has been booked to RRSK on some Railways.

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# APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 271 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY SAFETY FUND.

## **Expenditure on RRSK Works**

(₹ in crore)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	1	Total
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Total
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2017-18 to 2021-22
Traffic Facilities	654.02	498.23	370.78	523.49	476.93	2523.45
Railway Research						
Rolling Stock	1099.10	1637.28	1116.15	2969.73	2798.26	9620.52
Level Crossings	535.99	678.60	570.25	544.92		2329.76
Road Over/Under Bridges	3175.23	3488.82	2334.15	4086.45	1736.18	14820.83
Track Renewals	8903.99	9697.31	8314.30	13509.49	16262.45	56687.54
Bridge Works	451.34	516.72	752.59	730.38	1286.13	3737.16
Signal & Telecom Works	1201.01	1461.29	1536.60	1829.99	2058.25	8087.14
Other Electrical Works	18.76	47.02	301.10	460.18	488.53	1315.59
Traction Distribution Works	331.48	302.77				634.25
Machinery & Plant	127.10	179.82	162.94	226.33	349.48	1045.67
Workshops PUs	240.96	202.67	256.08	608.95	354.82	1663.48
Foot over bridges, platforms etc.	462.55	795.09	870.12	1915.99	1176.02	5219.77
Other Specified Works		42.00	141.17	235.72	329.44	748.33
Training/HRD	58.00	48.01	73.38	71.69	58.00	309.08
Total	17259.53	19595.63	16799.61	27713.31	27374.49	108742.57

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## CAPEX on Safety related plan heads over the years

(₹ in crore)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	BE 23-24	2014-24
Level Crossings	442.00	469.56	542.56	536.81	678.60	570.61	544.92	450.35	519.91	700.00	5455.32
ROB/RUB	1791.66	2133.02	3202.17	3175.97	3522.92	3521.74	4139.19	4225.25	4827.29	7400.00	37939.21
Track Renewals	5371.55	5586.03	6397.97	8884.16	9690.05	9390.55	13522.65	16557.87	16325.72	17296.84	109023.39
Bridge Works etc.	441.09	520.02	494.75	453.90	531.63	781.50	772.40	1302.18	1050.46	1255.00	7602.93
S & T Works	1005.75	893.62	966.58	1256.82	1538.44	1622.62	1908.61	2145.08	2456.12	4198.22	17991.86
Total	9052.05	9602.25	11604.03	14307.66	15961.64	15887.02	20887.77	24680.73	25179.50	30850.06	178012.71

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### Capital Expenditure on RRSK and RSF works since 2018-19

(₹ in crore)

	2018-19		2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23				
	RSF	RRSK	Total	RSF	RRSK	Total	RSF	RRSK	EBR(S)	Total	RSF	RRSK	Total	RSF	RRSK	Total
Central	4.08	1515.14	1519.22	207.72	1140.61	1348.33		203.86	1781.33	1985.19	499.55	2606.09	3105.64	1787.31	777.65	2564.96
Eastern		999.79	999.79	90.69	880.15	970.84		113.29	1017.53	1130.82	53.65	1460.98	1514.63	590.37	881.98	1472.35
Northern	0.47	2395.64	2396.11	459.42	1865.78	2325.20		577.35	3401.68	3979.03	72.90	3416.18	3489.08	304.86	3396.26	3701.12
North Eastern		622.45	622.45	76.78	645.93	722.71		67.25	1187.75	1255.00	58.63	1181.77	1240.40	522.23	613.50	1135.73
Northeast Frontier	4.40	715.85	720.25	49.66	468.76	518.42		69.71	691.32	761.03	166.91	1178.01	1344.92	1055.17	428.26	1483.43
Southern		1513.55	1513.55	161.74	1147.21	1308.95		123.18	1695.51	1818.69	281.49	2015.20	2296.69	1474.94	830.02	2304.96
South Central	4.26	1451.04	1455.30	129.09	1216.16	1345.25	0.25	128.93	2153.18	2282.36	319.54	2029.85	2349.39	1494.28	717.58	2211.86
South Eastern	2.80	1323.41	1326.21	77.00	1113.43	1190.43		82.61	1473.48	1556.09	140.38	1748.76	1889.14	1301.98	736.08	2038.06
Western	7.26	1773.68	1780.94	274.88	1402.00	1676.88		287.13	2072.51	2359.64	468.18	1962.99	2431.17	1395.88	1260.20	2656.08
East Central		1164.13	1164.13	87.62	1410.76	1498.38		94.52	1429.46	1523.98	457.29	1493.58	1950.87	1073.73	799.70	1873.43
East Coast		1055.61	1055.61	139.51	917.45	1056.96		81.23	1241.15	1322.38	62.37	1595.39	1657.76	1057.47	572.80	1630.27
North Central	0.91	1110.24	1111.15	142.23	1015.75	1157.98		103.15	1683.03	1786.18	183.99	1641.88	1825.87	1032.71	699.32	1732.03
North Western	0.14	1175.72	1175.86	111.53	995.03	1106.56		80.44	1393.71	1474.15	20.19	1029.76	1049.95	589.40	466.64	1056.04
South East Central	9.77	845.86	855.63	62.17	757.07	819.24		121.27	987.08	1108.35	140.74	1060.67	1201.41	681.65	396.29	1077.94
South Western		732.51	732.51	75.43	804.33	879.76		80.05	1017.67	1097.72	90.53	1316.83	1407.36	920.78	484.43	1405.21
West Central		1111.95	1111.95	118.64	948.91	1067.55		55.85	1165.51	1221.36	218.51	1400.53	1619.04	680.55	756.01	1436.56
Metro Rly Kolkata		27.03	27.03		35.60	35.60		7.94	31.96	39.90		32.66	32.66	12.08	55.53	67.61
Production Units etc.		62.03	62.04		34.68	34.68			1061.93	1061.93		203.36	203.37	0.12	22.65	22.77
Total Gross	34.09	19595.63	19629.73	2264.11	16799.61	19063.72	0.25	2277.76	25485.79	27763.80	3234.85	27374.49	30609.35	15975.51	13894.90	29870.41
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