

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 277
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

TONNAGE OF CARGO TRANSPORTED BY RAILWAYS

277 SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to introduce high speed system for cargo freight;
- (b) tonnage of cargo transported by the Railways during the last three years including 2023, year-wise;
- (c) the increase in revenue of the Railways both for passenger as well as cargo transport; and
- (d) the manner in which the operating margins improved for the Railways over the last five years?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.277 BY SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING TONNAGE OF CARGO TRANSPORTED BY RAILWAYS

(a) Improvement in freight cargo transportation is an on-going process on Indian Railways. Speeds of cargo trains are subject to network capacity. The progressive commissioning of Dedicated Freight Corridor has significantly helped in reducing transit time of cargo on these routes.

(b) The details of total originating freight traffic by Indian Railways during the last three years in Million Tonnes (MT) are as under:

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Total loading	1233.22	1418.27	1512.07

(c) Revenue from Passenger and Freight for last three years are given below:

(₹ in Crore)

Year	Passenger		Freight	
	Revenue	Increase over Past Year	Revenue	Increase over Past Year
2020-21	15248	-35421	117232	3744
2021-22	39214	23966	141096	23865
2022-23 Prov.	63417	24203	162263	21167

Railways revenue was adversely impacted due to the Covid-19 Pandemic in the years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

(d)

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Operating Ratio	97.3%	98.36%	97.45%	107.39%	98.10%

Railway operations were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 Pandemic. After normalisation there has been a healthy improvement of Operating Ratio to 98.10% in the year 2022-23.
