

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 137
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS

137. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has declared that finances of the Indian Railways have slipped into “concern zone” in 2021-22;
- (b) whether the operating ratio of Railways decreased 107.39 per cent in 2021-22, i.e., it spends ₹107 to earn ₹100;
- (c) whether it is a fact that if accounting adjustments like considering advances for next financial year as receipts are ignored, the ratio has stayed above 100 per cent since 2018-19; and
- (d) Railway’s operating Ratio (OR) over the last five years, 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 137 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.02.2024 REGARDING OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS.

- (a) to (c) The C&AG audits financial reports, examines and comments on the financial health of Railways based on various parameters. C&AG in its report 13 of 2023 has examined finances to end of March 2022 and submitted its recommendations.

Railway operations continued to be adversely impacted by the disruption induced by Covid-19 in 2021-22 also. Despite this Railways' achieved total receipts of ₹ 1,91,367 cr. against ₹ 1,40,783 cr. in 2020-21 i.e. incremental revenues of ₹ 50,584 cr. Post Covid 19 period, Railways achieved highest ever total revenue of ₹ 2,40,177 cr. in 2022-23 with operating ratio (OR) of 98.10%. The receipts including advances etc. are accounted for as per laid down policy.

- (d) Railways OR in last five years is given below:

Year	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23
Operating Ratio	97.30%	98.36%	97.45%	107.39%	98.10%

*Due to Covid related resource gap, Railways appropriated less amount to Pension.
