

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 555
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

INCREASE IN SPEED OF TRAINS

†555. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of trains whose speed has been increased during the current year;**
- (b) whether services of some trains connectivity from one State to another have been discontinued;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the services of the Railways have improved and if so, the estimated increase in the income during the first quarter of the year;**
- (e) the sources from which the income of railways is increasing; and**
- (f) the details of the development works undertaken as a result of collection of increase fare from the passengers?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 555 BY SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING INCREASE IN SPEED OF TRAINS

(a): From 1st January 2017 to till date, 45 number of trains have been speeded up.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): The provision of services and their upgradation/improvement is a continuous and ongoing process.

The estimated increase in the income from various sources during the first quarter of the current financial year in comparison to last financial year is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Category	Q1(2016-17)	Q1(2017-18)	Amount increase	% Increase
Passenger	11641.08	12508.95	867.87	7.46
Other Coaching	1119.15	1207.76	88.61	7.92
Goods	25388.64	27283.73	1895.09	7.46
Sundry	959.27	951.68	-7.59	-0.79
Total	39108.14	41952.12	2843.98	7.27

(f): The traffic earnings including the passenger earnings are utilised to meet the working expenses of the Railways, which pre-dominantly represents the staff cost, pension, fuel and other operating and maintenance expenditure. The excess of traffic earnings over the revenue expenditure forms the internal resource generation and is appropriated to Depreciation Revenue Fund, Development Fund and Capital Fund for undertaking replacement & renewal of Railway assets, taking up certain works relating to passenger & staff amenities, safety and for principal payment of lease charges to Indian Railways Finance Corporation. The development works on Railways are mainly financed from the Gross Budgetary Support provided by the Government and the market borrowings.
