

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 578
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

SOCIAL SECTOR SUBSIDIES

578. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of social sector subsidies and the quantum in each category borne by Railways at present;**
- (b) whether the Railways is considering a proposal to do away with its social sector subsidies; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.578 BY SHRI C.N. JAYDEVAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING SOCIAL SECTOR SUBSIDIES

(a): Indian Railways carries out certain transport activities which are uneconomic in nature but carried out in the larger interest of the society. Losses incurred on this account are termed as Social Service Obligation on Indian Railways.

Details of Social Service Obligation borne by Railways for the year 2015-16 are as under:

S. No.	Items	₹ in Cr.
1.	Loss on essential commodities carried below cost of operation	41.20
2.	Loss on Coaching Services -	
(i)	Suburban Service	5200.28
(ii)	Non-Suburban Services	30718.11
(iii)	Total 2(i) + 2(ii)	35918.39
3.	Total loss (1) + (2)	35959.59

(b)&(c): At present, there is no proposal to do away with the aforesaid Social Service Obligations.
