

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 885  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**PARCEL BUSINESS**

**885. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the parcel business of Railways has decreased over the past few years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to promote the parcel business;**
- (c) whether the Government plans reposition of parcel service as a separate line of business rather than having it as an extension of the passenger service; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 885 BY SHRI JOSE K. MANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2017 REGARDING PARCEL BUSINESS**

**(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Earnings from parcel traffic during last five years is as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Parcel Earnings (₹ In crore)</b>	<b>% variation</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>1593.53</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>1779.82</b>	<b>11.69%</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>1960.12</b>	<b>10.13%</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2021.10</b>	<b>3.11%</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>1911.42</b>	<b>-5.43%</b>

**Parcel traffic depends on market and economic conditions year on year. However, in order to attract more parcel traffic, following initiatives have been taken -**

- Emphasis is being laid to lease out more parcel space. For this purpose, the policy has been liberalized delegating more powers to Zonal Railways, increase in contractual period from 5 to 6 years etc.**
- Permission has been given to Zonal Railways to attach 25<sup>th</sup> coach as Parcel Vans in mail/express trains.**
- Permission has been given to attach Parcel Vans in Suvidha Express trains.**
- The carrying capacity of parcel space of Luggage cum Disabled Passenger Van (SLRD) has been increased from 4 tonnes to 5 tonnes.**
- Meetings are being organized regularly at zonal as well as at divisional level with the rail customers.**

**(c) No, Madam.**

**(d) Does not arise.**

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