

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

SHORTFALL IN REVENUE

**3159. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortfall in revenue earned vis-à-vis its target from passengers and freight during each of the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Railways has incurred huge losses on account of under-utilisation of railways cargo services in the country during the said period;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the contribution of each zone to the losses incurred/profit earned by the Railways during the aforesaid period; and**
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, zone-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3159 BY SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE, SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE & SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2018 REGARDING SHORTFALL IN REVENUE

(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. There has been a shortfall in the revenue earned under passengers and freight vis-à-vis respective targets during the last three years i.e. 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17. In the current year 2017-18 (till the end of February-2018) also, these earnings have remained short of respective proportionate targets. Zone-wise position is appended. The reasons of shortfall are broadly as under:

2014-15

- **Drop in originating passengers- both sub-urban and non-suburban (Non-PRS).**
- **Drop in loading and average freight lead.**

2015-16

- **Drop in originating passengers- both sub-urban and non-suburban (Non-PRS).**
- **Massive drop in loading and average freight lead.**

2016-17

- **Persistent drop in originating passengers-non-suburban-non PRS segment.**
- **Massive drop in loading and average freight lead.**

2017-18(Upto February-18)

- **Persistent drop in non-suburban (non-PRS) passengers.**
- **Shortfall in loading against proportionate target under Coal, Iron Ore, Foodgrains, Fertiliser and POL.**
- **Shortfall in freight lead against proportionate target under Pig iron and Finished steel, Cement, Foodgrains, Fertiliser, POL, Container Services and Balance other goods.**

(c)& (d): The last three years and current year container loading details in Indian Railways are as under:

(in Million tonnes)

Zonal Railway	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (upto Feb.18)
Central Railway	9.52	9.41	7.97	7.60
Eastern Railway	0.89	0.88	1.04	0.95
East Central Railway	0.20	0.29	0.26	0.25
East Coast Railway	1.15	1.33	2.01	2.13
Northern Railway	8.86	8.02	8.53	7.80
North Central Railway	2.39	1.98	2.01	2.09
North Eastern Railway	0.28	0.28	0.18	0.36
Northeast Frontier Railway	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.10
North Western Railway	4.95	3.66	4.82	6.24
Southern Railway	1.56	1.51	1.53	1.36
South Central Railway	1.15	1.01	0.88	0.93
South Eastern Railway	1.34	1.37	1.24	1.28
South East Central Railway	0.57	0.46	0.59	0.63
South Western Railway	0.98	0.77	0.80	0.65
Western Railway	14.34	14.45	14.85	15.78
West Central Railway	0.56	0.65	0.69	0.80
Konkan Railway	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09
Total	48.84	46.19	47.49	49.04

The downfall in 2015-16 from the year 2014-15 is linked to the global economic situation and not on account of under-utilisation of Railways cargo services.

(e)& (f): Seen from the overall context, Railways have not incurred any operating loss so far but have generated 'surplus' of various magnitudes after meeting all revenue expenditure. However, there are certain zones which are not able to generate excess over their revenue expenditure as their revenue expenditure exceeds their revenue receipts.

This is because all zones of Indian Railways, for reasons of their geographical location, state of industrialization/ commercial/business activity, are not evenly placed in respect of traffic earnings which are apportioned amongst the zones on the basis of traffic carried/traversed on the respective system. Nevertheless, all the zones irrespective of their traffic output, have a fixed element of operating expenses to run the system.

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	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17			2017-18 (Upto Feb.18.)			
													(□ in crore)
Zones	Revised Estimate	Actual	Variation of Actual over Revised Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual	Variation of Actual over Revised Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual	Variation of Actual over Revised Estimate	Revised Estimate	Proportionate target to end of Feb'18	Actual to end Feb'18	Variation of Actual over proportionate target
Passenger													
Central	5216.00	4788.99	-427.01	5216.00	4929.52	-286.48	5313.56	5045.29	-268.27	5550.00	5024.00	4897.11	-126.89
Eastern	2086.44	1999.12	-87.32	2086.44	2106.97	20.53	2298.94	2232.32	-66.62	2345.75	2125.38	2071.48	-53.90
East Central	2189.37	2080.31	-109.06	2189.37	2220.29	30.92	2442.26	2334.38	-107.88	2456.58	2250.16	2191.09	-59.07
East Coast	1269.39	1154.67	-114.72	1269.39	1245.99	-23.40	1337.91	1306.11	-31.80	1430.36	1298.13	1278.62	-19.51
Northern	6643.09	5646.61	-996.48	6643.09	5912.20	-730.89	6582.48	6321.10	-261.38	6670.94	6083.51	5764.80	-318.71
North Central	4051.46	4024.54	-26.92	4051.46	4301.13	249.67	4599.00	4428.08	-170.92	4900.00	4411.85	4312.80	-99.05
North Eastern	1491.30	1374.51	-116.79	1491.30	1473.55	-17.75	1452.19	1500.66	48.47	1600.00	1465.91	1443.50	-22.41
Northeast Frontier	1000.00	1023.03	23.03	1000.00	1016.27	16.27	1134.95	1155.74	20.79	1160.00	1063.33	1054.99	-8.34
North Western	1800.24	1656.73	-143.51	1800.24	1801.66	1.42	1969.98	1929.28	-40.70	2096.52	1892.23	1821.24	-70.99
Southern	3953.72	3719.98	-233.74	3953.72	3858.67	-95.05	4198.20	4011.80	-186.40	4380.00	3969.18	3890.23	-78.95
South Central	4265.00	4011.09	-253.91	4265.00	4280.75	15.75	4608.40	4530.90	-77.50	4994.62	4524.35	4427.29	-97.06
South Eastern	1502.94	1369.41	-133.53	1502.94	1456.75	-46.19	1594.09	1501.60	-92.49	1635.00	1499.49	1428.92	-70.57
South East Central	1013.63	993.58	-20.05	1013.63	1035.30	21.67	1099.83	1071.28	-28.55	1164.66	1059.11	1033.47	-25.64
South Western	1500.00	1339.38	-160.62	1500.00	1375.01	-124.99	1517.56	1393.22	-124.34	1530.00	1408.68	1359.60	-49.08
Western	4358.72	4143.48	-215.24	4358.72	4232.14	-126.58	4463.14	4327.55	-135.59	4650.00	4222.09	4143.04	-79.05
West Central	2850.00	2692.56	-157.44	2850.00	2857.58	7.58	3185.68	3004.41	-181.27	3360.57	3118.00	3006.37	-111.63
Metro	184.85	171.62	-13.23	184.85	179.48	-5.37	201.83	186.74	-15.09	200.00	183.49	177.84	-5.65
Total	45376.15	42189.61	-3186.54	45376.15	44283.26	-1092.89	48000.00	46280.46	-1719.54	50125.00	45598.89	44302.39	-1296.50

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Goods													
Central	7599.00	6825.94	-773.06	7599.00	7354.87	-244.13	7447.00	6695.42	-751.58	7500.00	6838.00	6484.05	-353.95
Eastern	3458.34	3622.07	163.73	3458.34	3649.15	190.81	3723.96	4049.99	326.03	4500.00	3942.48	3591.22	-351.26
East Central	8786.46	7771.60	-1014.86	8786.46	8558.99	-227.47	8681.12	8302.24	-378.88	9140.00	8212.47	7912.69	-299.78
East Coast	12381.86	11379.40	-1002.46	12381.86	12290.90	-90.96	14201.96	13263.88	-938.08	14900.00	13340.88	12833.24	-507.64
Northern	7186.49	7313.74	127.25	7186.49	7191.59	5.10	7372.20	6697.96	-674.24	7000.00	6448.77	6174.36	-274.41
North Central	9880.61	8782.42	-1098.19	9880.61	9321.97	-558.64	8595.44	8490.48	-104.96	10000.00	9022.01	8706.29	-315.72
North Eastern	1289.34	1322.40	33.06	1289.34	1321.13	31.79	1440.09	1409.23	-30.86	1650.00	1465.78	1408.19	-57.59
Northeast Frontier	1650.00	1871.88	221.88	1650.00	1930.89	280.89	1980.00	1918.66	-61.34	1940.00	1778.33	1736.77	-41.56
North Western	5381.24	4914.57	-466.67	5381.24	4772.78	-608.46	4778.23	4465.17	-313.06	4800.00	4364.07	4216.78	-147.29
Southern	2857.04	3045.72	188.68	2857.04	2816.17	-40.87	2682.87	2615.32	-67.55	2850.00	2523.33	2434.89	-88.44
South Central	10605.00	10778.47	173.47	10605.00	10145.43	-459.57	9847.22	9366.99	-480.23	10800.00	9675.69	9404.95	-270.74
South Eastern	10448.57	9611.12	-837.45	10448.57	10558.34	109.77	10892.15	10899.96	7.81	12550.00	11230.17	10679.73	-550.44
South East Central	11124.77	9613.06	-1511.71	11124.77	10932.29	-192.48	10996.79	10671.80	-324.99	12110.00	10846.40	10256.84	-589.56
South Western	2960.00	3243.40	283.40	2960.00	3000.64	40.64	2935.95	2792.27	-143.68	3160.00	2844.78	2644.90	-199.88
Western	8069.00	8146.59	77.59	8069.00	7597.29	-471.71	6597.76	6100.69	-497.07	6800.00	6154.96	5991.03	-163.93
West Central	8175.00	7548.96	-626.04	8175.00	7765.22	-409.78	6727.26	6598.48	-128.78	7800.00	7215.30	6715.10	-500.20
Total	111852.72	105791.34	-6061.38	111852.72	109207.65	-2645.07	108900.00	104338.54	-4561.46	117500.00	105903.42	101191.03	-4712.39