

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5991
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

RATIONALIZATION OF FREIGHT CHARGES

5991. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any plan to rationalise the freight charges for transport of various goods including coal from the eastern sector to distantly located power plants of Gujarat and other areas in western sector;**
- (b) if so, the details of the plan and the time by which it will be implemented so that the freight for transportation of coal which is about 60% to 65% of the fuel cost per unit could be reduced in Gujarat State;**
- (c) whether there is any move to remove “busy season surcharge” which is levied by Railways throughout the year except in three months of monsoon;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether there is any plan to introduce telescopic freight on the line of passenger fare charges and if so, the salient features of the same?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalisation of fare and freight are ongoing process. At present, there is no such proposal.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Freight structure of Indian Railways is already telescopic in nature. The freight rate per ton decreases with increase in distance. It is uniform throughout the Country. It is charged on per ton basis according to the distance and class of the commodity.
