

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018**

FINANCIAL CRISIS IN RAILWAYS

6127. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is facing financial crisis and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the annual cost has overtaken that of the revenues during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the low level of employees productivity adversely affected the functioning of Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether cleanliness in trains and railways stations is one of the major issues and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement railway projects with private participation, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6127 BY SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.04.2018 REGARDING FINANCIAL CRISIS IN RAILWAYS

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Railways generate 'Excess' after meeting all their revenue expenses from their own revenues which supplement Railways' Capital expenditure. Railways' total receipts and total expenditure from revenue receipts in the last few years, Revised Estimates 2017-18 and Budget Estimates 2018-19 are given below which indicate the amount of excess of revenue over receipts generated or estimated.

(₹ in cr.)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	RE 2017-18	BE 2018-19
Total Receipts	161017	168380	165382	187425	201090
Total Expenditure	153352	157874	160469	181000	188100
Excess of revenue over expenditure	7665	10506	4913	6425	12990

(c): No, Madam. The productivity of railway employees measured in terms of Net Tonne Kilometers (NTKM) and Passenger Kilometers (PKM) per employee has shown continuous improvement over the years from 1.10 in 2009-10 to 1.35 in 2015-16.

(d): Cleanliness is a continuous process and every endeavour is made to keep the stations and trains in clean condition. However, a few complaints are received. All efforts are made by the Railway to address these complaints.

Railways have taken various measures for improving cleanliness of stations and trains. For improving upon the standards of cleanliness and providing hygienic environment to the passengers in trains, schemes like, “Mechanized cleaning of coaches” in maintenance depots, “On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS)” for cleaning of coaches on run in more than 980 pairs of important long distance mail/express trains, “Clean My Coach” service on demand in nearly 970 pairs of OBHS trains, and cleaning attention to trains during their stoppage at “Clean Train Stations” enroute have been provided. Indian Railways is proliferating bio-toilets on its coaching stock to prevent discharge of human waste on the tracks. Dustbins were earlier provided in AC Coaches only. Now, provision of dustbins is extended to Non-AC coaches also on a progressive basis.

Integrated mechanised cleaning contracts, rag picking and garbage disposal contracts are provided at major railway stations. Concrete washable aprons on platform tracks are provided to facilitate clearing of night soil on platform lines by washing with water jets. CCTVs are used to monitor cleanliness at a number of railway stations. Enforcement of Anti-littering Rules has been intensified. Special cleanliness drives for major stations and trains and awareness campaigns to educate users on cleanliness have also been undertaken by Railways.

(e): Ministry of Railways have formulated a participative policy for attracting private sector investment for providing rail connectivity through different models like Non Government Railway, Joint Venture, Customer Funded, Build Operate Transfer and Annuity model.
