

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS

510. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current operating ratio of the Railways;**
- (b) whether the operating ratio of the Railways has breached 112% and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reel back expenditure;**
- (d) whether it is true that a large portion of the Railways expenditure is being incurred on a number of court cases; and**
- (e) if so, the total amount incurred in this regard during the last three years along with the details of these court cases?**

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.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510 BY SHRI RAVNEET SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2019 REGARDING OPERATING RATIO OF RAILWAYS.

(a) & (b) The Operating Ratio of Indian Railways is calculated on yearly basis. In the current year (2018-19), the Operating Ratio of Indian Railways was targeted at 92.8% in Budget Estimates which has since been revised to 96.2% in Revised Estimates.

(c) A large portion of Railways revenue expenditure like staff cost, fuel, lease charges etc is of fixed / inelastic nature. However, there has been a continuous endeavour to keep the revenue expenditure to the barest minimum level possible. Expenditure control measures include strict economy and austerity measures, improved man-power planning, better asset utilization, inventory management, optimizing fuel consumption, procure power directly at competitive rates, using Railways' status as Deemed Distribution Licensee, and progressive electrification etc.

(d) & (e) No, Madam. A very small portion of revenue expenditure of Zonal Railways is being incurred on court cases. The position of last three years is indicated below:

Year	Expenditure incurred on court cases (₹ in crore)	Total Working Expenses (₹ in crore)	Expenditure incurred on court cases as % of total working expenses
2015-16	144	147836	0.097
2016-17	126	159030	0.079
2017-18	296	175834	0.168
