

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.650
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

INCREASE IN RATES OF DIESEL

650. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is the largest consumer of diesel and sudden increase in the rates of diesel has adversely affected its financial resources; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) No, Madam.

It is difficult to work out the impact of increase in the rates of Diesel oil on Indian Railways expenditure as rate of HSD has increased multiple times during the year and has also decreased in similar manner.

However the Average rate of HSD per Kilolitre (KL) was ₹ 58146.25 during April 2017 to Dec 2017 and the average rate of HSD per KL has been ₹ 69675.43 during April 2018 to Dec 2018.

(b) The total HSD issue has increased from 2359278 KLs (April 2017 to Dec 2017) to 2385061 KLs (April 2018 to Dec 2018) which is 1.09% more.

Under Ordinary Working Expenses, Indian Railways has projected an additional requirement of ₹ 3,809 crore for Fuel under Diesel Traction when the prices were still rising. Against this, Indian Railways have been given ₹ 2,852 crore in the Revised Estimates 2018-19, considering the trend of expenditure to end of Nov'2018 and the fact that the rate started declining also.