Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the low non-fare revenue earned by Indian Railways over the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address the same;

(c) whether Railways has been incurring losses in its operations and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to boost non-fare revenues?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b) To enhance the non-fare revenue, Indian Railways has issued new policies in the year 2017-18. Indian Railways earned ₹204.10 crore and ₹223.53 crore during the Financial Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively from non-fare revenues. Total sundry earnings of Indian Railways for 2018-19 were however, ₹6996.22 crore (provisional).

(c) Over all, Indian Railways is not incurring losses. During 2017-18 and 2018-19, surplus generated by Indian Railways was ₹1665.61 crore and ₹3774.51 crore (provisional) respectively.
(d) In order to generate more revenue Indian Railways has issued policies for generating non-fare revenues from sources such as Mobile Assets, Out of Home advertising, Rail Display Network, Content on Demand, Unsolicited NFR proposals and New and Innovative Ideas and Concepts Scheme for Generation of Non-Fare Revenue (NINFRIS) in 2017-18.

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