

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

REVENUE INCURRED BY FREIGHT EARNINGS

†145. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has earned the highest revenue ever in freight carriage as compared to previous years;**
- (b) if so, zone-wise details of the revenue earned through freight carriage alongwith reasons for the same;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the details of the volume of goods transported through freight carriages by the Railways on payment basis during the last three years;**
- (e) the details of the criteria fixed for determining the freight on goods for transportation of the same; and**
- (f) the zone-wise and State-wise details of steps taken/being taken by the Government for increasing revenue earnings through goods carriage by Railways during each of the last three years?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 145 BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI AND SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING REVENUE INCURRED BY FREIGHT EARNINGS

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Revenue earned through freight carriage has increased. Zone-wise details of revenue earned through freight carriage for the past 3 years is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Railways	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (provisional)
Central Railway	7267.53	7022.88	9243.03
Eastern Railway	4047.25	4483.80	5487.43
East Central Railway	8784.44	9415.00	11564.75
East Coast Railway	15894.37	16913.89	18511.22
Northern Railway	6768.42	7249.66	9823.38
North Central Railway	8048.32	7577.66	10093.16
North Eastern Railway	1460.10	1603.42	1643.17
Northeast Frontier Railway	1932.67	2190.66	2606.52
North Western Railway	4016.90	4856.63	5228.13
Southern Railway	2755.38	2604.04	3112.85
South Central Railway	9905.79	9031.72	12320.14
South Eastern Railway	13798.85	13855.63	14734.79
South East Central Railway	12459.32	13430.93	15680.23
South Western Railway	2891.50	3061.72	3842.07
Western Railway	5436.92	5949.81	7495.27
West Central Railway	8020.11	7984.37	9710.24
Total	113487.87	117231.82	141096.38

With a view to give thrust to economic activities of country and also attract incremental traffic to Rail, Indian Railways has taken a number of freight policy measures like Long Term Tariff Contract policy, Station to Station Rates etc. More relaxations have been provided to the customers by slew of incentives announced by Indian Railways such as Liberalized Automatic Freight Rebate Policy in Empty flow Directions, Concession on Short Lead Traffic, Concession on Long Lead Traffic on Coal, Iron Ore, Iron and Steel traffic, Dynamic application of Busy Season Charge etc. The impact of these has

boosted Indian Railways' loading and enhanced its revenue over the years.

(d): The details of the volume of goods transported through freight carriages by the Railways on payment basis during the last three years is as under:

Year	Freight Loading (in MT)
2019-20	1208.41
2020-21	1230.94
2021-22	1415.87

(e): The norms laid down for fixing freight rates for transportation of goods by Rail includes cost of the service, value of the service, what the traffic can bear, competition from other modes of transportation, elasticity of demand, socio-economic condition of the country etc.

(f): To enhance freight revenue, Indian Railways is constantly in touch with customers. Its focus is on meeting the needs of freight in terms of timely availability, reliable service and proper handling of cargo.
