

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

LOSSES IN THE AFTERMATH OF CORONA PANDEMIC

†2217. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has suffered huge losses due to Corona pandemic;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to compensate the Railways, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether several railway projects have been cancelled or are lagging behind the schedule in the aftermath on account of the Corona pandemic; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Jharkhand?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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.2217 BY SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING LOSSES IN THE AFTERMATH OF CORONA PANDEMIC.

(a) to (c): In 2018-19 IR's total receipts was ₹ 1,90,507 crore. The revenues dipped during COVID years. However, in 2022-23, IR recorded highest ever total receipts of ₹ 2,40,176.96 crore registering a growth of 25.5% on the previous year. Expenditure in 2022-23 on Operation & Maintenance and pension was contained within revenues, leaving a balance of ₹ 2,517.24 crore as Net Revenue.

(d) & (e): Due to the imposition of nationwide lockdown on account of COVID pandemic, initially, there was a slowdown in the execution of Railway projects. However, after the initial phase, with the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions, the pace of construction and other infrastructure development activities gained momentum. Moreover, due to meticulous planning, prioritization of projects and focused approach of execution, infrastructure works are now in full swing.

Despite COVID pandemic, during 2020-21, 2,370 km length (286 Km New Line, 470 Km Gauge Conversion and 1614 Km Doubling) was commissioned across Indian Railways which is 56% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (1,520 Km/year), out of which 107 Km sections (16 Km New Line and 91 Km Doubling) have been commissioned falling fully/partly in the State of Jharkhand which is 86% more than average annual commissioning during 2009-14 (57.4 km/year).
