

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019**

DECLINE IN REVENUES

3786. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the passengers have been moving to other transport modes such as roads and air, which has led to declining rail traffic and consequently declining revenue generation for the Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of revenue generated through passenger trains in the last five years, year-wise;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that railway is facing loss in passenger business; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action the Government is going to take in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3786 BY SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.12.2019 REGARDING DECLINE IN REVENUES

(a) and (b): Railways, Road and Airlines are different modes of transport, which are not comparable in terms of their volume, connectivity and convenience. During the Financial Year 2018-19, Passenger traffic on Indian Railways has registered a growth of 1.8% as compared to last year. The year wise details of passenger earnings on Indian Railways for the last five years are as under: -

Financial Year	Passenger Earnings (₹ in crore)
2014-15	42189.61
2015-16	44283.26
2016-17	46280.46
2017-18	48643.14
2018-19	51066.65

(c) : Indian Railway has kept the passenger fares lower, keeping in view the affordability for common man. Last passenger fare revision was done in 2014-15. Indian Railway continues to incur losses in passenger segment under social service obligations, like- on account of concessions in passenger fares, on EMU suburban services, on uneconomic branch lines, on strategic lines, due to pricing of fares below cost etc.

(d): Indian Railways continuously strives to improve passenger traffic over its network. With a view to ensure optimum utilisation of available accommodation and enhance earnings, the utilisation of

reservation quota is reviewed on a periodical basis and necessary adjustments made, wherever required.

Further, various initiatives like augmentation of on-board capacity, rationalisation of flexi-fare scheme, graded discount in classes and sections with low occupancy and offering fare of AC chair Car and Second class unreserved for AC-3tier coaches and Sleeper class coaches respectively having low occupancy on particular sections, extension of Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme known as VIKALP have also been undertaken. Measures to improve passenger traffic and enhance earnings is a continuous and an on-going process. New passenger services like Vande Bharat Express, Tejas Express, Air-conditioned Electrical Multiple Unit(EMU) services, Gatiman Express, Anubhuti Coaches etc. with improved features and amenities have been introduced, with appropriate fare structures.
