

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.601
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

SHORTFALL IN THE REVENUE OF RAILWAYS

601. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a)whether there has been a severe shortfall in railway freight traffic revenue during this financial year;**
- (b)if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (c)whether any steps are being taken by the Government to reverse this trend of decreasing railway freight traffic revenue and bring improvement in this regard; and**
- (d)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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.601 BY SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING SHORTFALL IN THE REVENUE OF RAILWAYS

(a)and(b) There is a shortfall of ₹ 3,064.26 crore upto December-2019 when compared to corresponding period of last year.

(₹ in crore)

Period ending	Freight Traffic Earnings
December-2018	85,329.11
December-2019	82,264.85

The details of freight earnings during the last three years is as under:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Actual
2016-17	1,04,338.54
2017-18	1,17,055.40
2018-19	1,27,432.72

(c)and (d) Steps taken by Indian Railways to increase freight revenue include adoption of rake load concept, withdrawal of Busy Season Charge, designing new wagons with higher payload, Long Term Tariff Contract Policy, Automatic Freight Rebate Scheme for traffic loaded in empty flow directions, Station to Station Rates, Merry-Go-Round policy, Ro-Ro policy, promoting container traffic for expanding the freight basket, freight discount to bagged consignment when loaded in open and flat wagon, 25% concession on haulage charges for empty container and empty flat wagons, withdrawal of supplementary surcharge on Mini Rake and Two-Point traffic etc.

In addition, schemes for induction of General Purpose wagons, Special wagons to transport automobiles, Special Purpose Wagons, and High Capacity wagons have been introduced, through which private entities can induct rakes to carry traffic in dedicated circuits. Besides, schemes for setting up of Private Sidings and Private Freight Terminals have also been launched to increase freight revenue through PPP mode.
