

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 159
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

DECLINE IN REVENUES

159. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total earnings of Railways from goods and passengers have substantially declined as against the target and if so, the details thereof along with the revenue generated during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (b) the reasons behind such a decline and the steps taken to perk up the earnings;**
- (c) whether the reduction in revenue collection has had any adverse impact on any of the Railways activities and if so, the details thereof and the action taken to address the same; and**
- (d) whether the introduction of a flexifare system and rationalisation of freight rates have improved the fiscal deficit and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 159 BY SHRI M. SELVARAJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.02.2022 REGARDING DECLINE IN REVENUES.

(a) to (c): In the current year to end of December 2021, the total revenue from goods and passengers are short of the proportionate budget target (BP) by ₹ 13,811.20 cr. However, the same are higher over corresponding period of previous year by ₹ 40,777.15 cr. The shortfall against BP is mainly due to continuing adverse impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on passenger services despite goods revenue exceeding BP by ₹ 2,898.39 cr. The details of revenue generated in last three years are given below:

(₹ in crore)

S.No.	Segments of railway revenue	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Passenger Revenue	51067	50669	15248
2	Other Coaching Revenue	4474	4641	2097
3	Goods revenue	127433	113488	117232
4	Sundry other revenue	6996	5863	5939
5	Total	189970	174661	140516

The shortfall in revenue collection in the passenger segment has partly been offset through enhanced goods revenue. Further, economy and austerity measures have been adopted to minimize expenditure from railway revenues without affecting essential expenditure for safe operation of trains. Capex of railways which is mostly met through Gross Budgetary Support from the Government and Extra Budgetary

Sources mobilized by Railways have not been affected by the shortfall in revenue.

(d) : Flexi fare scheme was introduced from 09.09.2016 in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains. Further, rationalization of freight is a continuous process. Both these have contributed in generation of additional revenue.
