

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5612  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

**REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

**5612. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formed a Committee to relook budget fund reallocation in Railways to prevent misuse by overlap of allocations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the detailed mandate and objectives of setting up of this Committee;**
- (c) the details of the misuse of funds noticed in Railways due to overlap of allocations during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken measures to ensure that utilisation of funds is in line with the requirements of the Railways in the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

- (a) A committee has been formed to examine the feasibility of merging various Funds operated by Railways and other connected issues.**

**(b) The Terms of Reference for the Committee include:**

- i. to examine the relevance/need for continuance of Funds in their present form, including the need for separate ring-fenced special purpose funds like Development Fund, Depreciation Reserve Fund, Railway Safety Fund and Pension Funds.**
- ii. to examine the feasibility of merging existing Railway Funds based on relevance and need and suggest rules of allocation for merged Funds.**
- iii. to suggest mechanisms for internal controls for ensuring judicious use of Funds in case of merged Funds.**
- iv. to bring out changes in codal provisions and existing instructions necessary for implementation of the recommendations.**

**(c) No misuse of funds has taken place on Indian Railways during last three years.**

**(d) and (e) Fund provision in Budget is made for expenditure as per requirement projected by Railways, progress of works and overall availability of resources.**

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