

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5642  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

**DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND**

**5642. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

- (a) the details of funds appropriated towards the Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF) during the last five years;**
- (b) whether the amount appropriated towards DRF has gone down over a period of time; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind such decline?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5642 BY SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.04.2022 REGARDING DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUND.**

**(a) The details of funds appropriated to the Depreciation Reserve Fund (DRF) during last five years are given below:**

<b>(₹ in crore)</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount appropriated to DRF</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>5400</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>1740</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>2020-21</b>	<b>400</b>

**(b) & (c) The appropriation to DRF has been less since 2017-18 as the Government has created a new fund named 'Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh' (RRSK) with effect from 2017-18 with contribution from Gross Budgetary Support of the Government and internal resources of Railways to clear the back log of over-aged assets. Most of the safety related renewal and replacement works which used to be funded through DRF earlier are now funded through RRSK.**

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