

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025
REVENUE GENERATED BY RAILWAYS

***448. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:**
SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total revenue generated by the Railways during the financial year 2024-25;**
- (b) the details of revenue generated during the last three financial years;**
- (c) the details of revenue generated by the railway freight in the current financial year;**
- (d) whether the Government plans to increase railway freight revenue and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether any incentives have been introduced by the Government with the aim for industries to shift to rail freight from road transport and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

(a) to (e) Details of total revenue of Indian Railways during the last three financial years is as under:

Financial Year (FY)	Total Revenue (₹ in crore)
2021-22 (COVID year)	1,91,278
2022-23	2,40,137
2023-24	2,55,366

During FY 2024-25 (till Feb'25), the total revenue is ₹ 2,38,310 Crs which includes ₹1,54,835 Crs from freight traffic.

To increase freight revenue, Indian Railways is taking multi-pronged approach such as General Purpose Wagon Investment Scheme (GPWIS), Liberalized Special Freight Train Operator (LSFTO) scheme and Automobile Freight Train Operator (AFTO) scheme to increase the freight handling capacity in Indian Railways. 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)' policy has been launched in the year 2021 with the objective of increasing investment in development of additional terminals for handling rail cargo.

So far, 97 new GCTs have been commissioned since the implementation of the policy, with an estimated traffic capacity of 149 million tonnes per annum (MTPA).

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In addition to above a number of incentives are being given to Railway customers which includes- granting of 50% discount in haulage charges of empty container laden rakes returning to originating cluster after transporting the Tiles traffic to destination, Liberalized Automatic Freight Rebate scheme for traffic loaded in empty flow direction, discounts on loading of bagged consignment in open and flat wagon, short lead concession for traffic upto 90 Km (except for Coal & Coke, Iron ore, Military traffic and Container traffic), rationalised freight rates for automobile traffic etc. Measures to enhance earnings from freight traffic is a continuous and an ongoing process.

The details of freight carried by Indian Railways since FY 2020-21 is as under:

Financial Year (FY)	Freight Loading (in Million Tonnes)
2020-21 (COVID year)	1233
2021-22 (COVID year)	1418
2022-23	1512
2023-24	1591
2024-25	1617

During 2024-25, Indian Railways has transported more than 1600 MT of freight traffic, becoming one of the top 3 freight carrying Railways in the World.
