

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2950
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Operating Ratio of the Indian Railways during the last five years, years-wise;**
- (b) the Compound Annual Growth Rate of Indian Railways during the last five years, year-wise; and**
- (c) the details of the net revenue accrued by Railways during the last five years, year-wise?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) To increase the overall revenue, several measures have been taken by Indian Railways during last 11 years. These include the following:

- To increase the network capacity, rail network expansion has been taken up in a big way by construction of new lines, multi tracking of existing lines and gauge conversion of existing lines. 34,428 km new tracks have been laid during the 11 years. Further as on 01.04.25, 431 (154 New Line, 33 Gauge Conversion and 244 Doubling) projects are sanctioned. The summary of which is as under:**

Category	No. of Projects	Total Length (km)	Length completed till Mar'25 (Km)	Balance length (Km)
New lines	154	16,142	3,036	13,105
Gauge conversion	33	4,180	2,997	1,183
Doubling/ Multi tracking	244	15,644	6,736	8,909
Total	431	35,966	12,769	23,197

- **Removing bottlenecks in operations by yard remodeling, construction of bypass/chord lines, rail flyovers etc.**
- **The construction of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km) has been taken up. Out of total 2843 kms, 2741 route kms (96.4%) has been commissioned and operational.**
- **Indian Railways has taken up electrification of Railway lines in a mission mode. So far, about 99.1% of Broad Gauge (BG) network has been electrified. A comparison of electrification before and after 2014 is as follows:**

Period	Route Kilometre
Before 2014	21,801
2014-25	46,900

- **Procurement of Wagons and Locomotives: To increase freight carrying capacity, large numbers of IR wagons have been procured and locomotives have been manufactured. During 2014 to 2025, about 2 lakh wagons have been procured and more than 10,000 locomotives have been added for increasing freight loading and**

mobility.

- **Industry participation in investment in General Purpose Wagons, Special Purpose/High-Capacity wagons and Automobile carrier wagons for cement, oil, steel, fly-ash, automobile etc. So far, around 240 rakes of special purpose wagons, 374 rakes of general-purpose, wagons and 48 rakes of automobile wagons have been inducted.**
- **Under the ‘Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)’ policy so far, 118 new GCTs have been commissioned, with an estimated traffic capacity of 192 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). In addition, for improvement of freight and parcel terminals from the financial year 2023-24 onwards, an amount of ₹14,500 crore has been allocated.**
- **A “Bulk Cement Terminal Policy” for setting up terminals on Railway land has been launched recently as part of Railway reforms for facilitating Bulk Cement transportation.**
- **Ensuring increased availability of rakes/wagons against demand.**
- **Use of Information Technology in freight operations to improve monitoring and utilization of assets.**
- **Induction of higher horsepower locomotives.**
- **Improvement in maintenance practices of wagons and locomotives resulting in increased availability of loco and rolling stock for traffic use.**
- **Improvement in track and signaling standards to carry higher volume of traffic.**

Because of the above measures, the cargo loading has increased from 1,055 MT in 2013-14 to 1,617 MT in 2024-25 i.e. increase of about 54%. The revenue has also increased substantially during this period from

Rs. 1,39,838 cr. in 2013-14 to Rs. 2,65,678 cr. in 2024-25 i.e. increase of about 90%.

Railways' financial position with surplus and Operating Ratio since 2021-22 is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

	2021-22*	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total Revenue	1,91,367	2,40,177	2,56,094	2,65,678
Total Expenditure	2,06,392	2,37,660	2,52,834	2,63,018
Surplus	-15,025	2,517	3,260	2,660
Operating Ratio	107.39%	98.10%	98.43%	98.22%

***Impact of Covid on Railway operations**
