

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2784
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2015**

EMPTY RAKES

2784. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately 46,000 rakes run empty every year after dropping off freight;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to launch freight rebate scheme offering incentives to customers to carry load on these empty flow direction rakes;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the total revenue estimated so far generated after launching said scheme?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a) & (b) Running of empty rakes is an integral part of freight train operations. During the year 2014-15, the ratio of loaded run to empty run of the freight stock was 63:37.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Railways have introduced an Automatic Freight Rebate Scheme with effect from 25.06.2015 wherein all loaded rakes in notified empty flow directions are charged at class LR1 for trainload traffic and at Class 100 for wagonload traffic. Customer does not need to apply for availing benefit under the scheme. The rebate is automatically granted to customers through Freight Operation Information System(FOIS). This scheme is applicable to (i) all Goods Sheds, Sidings and Private Freight Terminals (PFTs) and (ii) wagons of BOXN group, BCN & BCNHL group, BRN and BOST group and CONCORD rakes. Coal and coke, minerals and ores, POL traffic etc., and commodities under class LR2 and class LR3 are not eligible under the scheme.

(e) Till 09.12.2015, an additional revenue of ₹ 48 crores has been generated through this scheme.
