

- (a) Whether any financial assistance is provided to the railways by the general exchequer outside the railway budget;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years; and
- (c) the reasons for providing such financial assistance?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Financial assistance is provided to Railways from the general exchequer in addition to Plan support from GBS. The details for the last three years are as under:

(` in crore)

Year	Railway Safety Works (Plan)	Subsidy to Railways (Non Plan)		total
		towards dividend relief and other concessions	reimbursement of losses on operating strategic railway lines	
2015-16 (BE)	1645.60	4728.71	664.82	7039.13
2014-15 (Actual)	1496.00	4024.46	656.90	6177.36
2013-14 (Actual)	1102.45	3370.56	640.00	5113.01

(c): The payments for Railways' share from Central Road Fund for Railway Safety Works as well as reimbursement of losses on strategic lines and relief towards dividend and other concessions are provided as additionality over Gross Budgetary Support from the Demands for Grant of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. The dividend relief as per the existing accounting arrangements is provided on reimbursement basis and Railways are mandated to pay dividend to general revenue on gross basis. Payments for losses on strategic lines are also provided separately as per the existing arrangements as also the share of Central Road Fund.
