

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.97  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

**GOODS TRAINS**

**†97. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:  
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether various goods trains run vacant for kilometers and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the incidents of running less loaded goods trains by the staff;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16 and the quantum of financial loss suffered by the railway as a result thereof; and**
- (d) whether any action has been taken against the officers/staff found guilty of less loading in goods trains; and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) Running of empty goods trains is an integral part of freight train operations as empty rakes need to be moved to the loading points after unloading.**

**With a view to reduce empty running of rakes, Automatic Freight Rebate Scheme for traffic loaded in Traditional Empty Flow Directions has been**

**introduced with effect from 25.06.2015, wherein rakes loaded in the notified empty flow directions are charged at concessional rates to attract traffic.**

**(b) No, Madam.**

**(c)&(d) Do not arise.**

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