GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1839 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

NATIONAL TRANSPORTERS REVENUE

1839. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:
SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set a target of doubling the national transporter's revenues to Rs. 4 lakh crore by 2025 to make it profitable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether over this period, the total investment by the Railways is likely to be about Rs. 9 lakh crore and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether full electrification was planned by the Government to save around Rs. 15,000 crore in fuel bill; and
- (e) if so, the details of initiatives to upgrade the infrastructure of Railways, specifically the railway tracks that are found to be damaged and unfit for regular use along with the progress made therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS 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 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1839 BY SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR, SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL, SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND AND SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2022 REGARDING NATIONAL TRANSPORTERS REVENUE

- (a) & (b) It is a continuous endeavor of the Railways to achieve year on year incremental revenue receipts. In the process, Railways have kept a total receipt target of ₹2,40,000 crore in Budget Estimates of 2022-23. The incremental revenue is attempted to be achieved through higher traffic throughput and a mix of tariff & non - tariff measures.
- (c) Railways' investment has been perceptible growth in recent years from ₹58718 crore in 2014-15 to ₹1,90,266 crore in 2021-22. Railway plans to invest ₹2,45,800 crore in 2022-23. Under National Investment Pipeline, approximately ₹13 lakh crore is proposed to be invested in Railways between 2019 to 2025.
- (d) The annual saving in fuel bill varies with respect to Diesel/Electricity price and traffic carried in term of Gross Tonne Kilometer (GTKM).
- (e) Railway tracks are replaced through track renewal works which is an ongoing process. Track renewal works are undertaken as and when stretch of track becomes due for renewal on age/condition basis. Track Renewal works are planned in

advance every year and their execution is prioritized according to the condition of track.

The progress of track renewal over Indian Railways during the last three years and current year is as under:-

Year	Progress (Track Kms)
2019-20	4500
2020-21	4363
2021-22	4275
2022-23 (upto June	1053
2022)	

The various steps taken by Railways in this regard are as under:

- Modern track structure consisting of Pre-stressed
 Concrete Sleeper (PSC) Normal/Wide base sleepers with
 elastic fastening, 60kg, 90 or higher Ultimate Tensile
 Strength (UTS) rails, fan shaped layout turnout on PSC
 sleepers, Steel Channel Sleepers on girder bridges is used
 while carrying out primary track renewals.
- Long rail panels of 260 M/130M length are being manufactured at the steel plant to minimize number of Alumino Thermit joints in the track.
- Use of Thick Web Switches (TWS) over all important routes of IR.
- Use of Weldable Cast Manganese Steel (CMS) crossings.
- Maintenance of track with the help of track machines.
