

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5106
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2000
RAILWAY POLICY
SAHIB SINGH VERMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any Railway Policy in the country like Agriculture policy etc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) if not, whether there is any programme to make a comprehensive National Railway Policy dealing with passengerfacilities freight policy, use of unutilised railway lands and development of backward areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5106 ASKED SHRI SAHIB SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2000 REGARDING RAILWAY POLICY

(a) & (b): Railway policy is shaped by the Railways Corporate Plan that spells out the mission of the Railways to be a modern railway system with sufficient capacity to meet the needs of, both passenger and freight traffic, based on an optimal inter-modal mix, and to provide this transportation at least to the society while maintaining the financial viability of the system.

The main objectives are to generate additional capacity with minimum capital investment and after making adequate provision for depreciation, maintain a reasonable surplus to cover the dividend liability and developmental expenditure, to improve quality and reliability of both passenger and freight services and reduce incidence of train accidents.

Within the above broad frame work, the Railways have developed specific policies for passenger and freight traffic and related areas.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.