

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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EARNING THROUGH CEMENT AND FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have run trains on various unremunerative routes too;
- (b) if so, the total number of such unremunerative routes;
- (c) the losses incurred on the said routes till the end of March 2001 by running trains on them;
- (d) whether the Government have made any efforts in the recent past to convert unremunerative routes into remunerative ones; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Railways run trains on various unremunerative lines on social consideration.
- (b) As per the financial results of 1999-2000, 110 branch lines were assessed to be unremunerative.
- (c) Railways suffered a loss of Rs. 348 crores on the working of these lines during 1999-2000 figures for the year 2000-2001 is not yet available.
- (d) & (e) In addition to the Commercial aspects of its operations, Railways have to carry out social service obligations. The commercial aspects do not always dictate the continuation of operations on a particular sector. In such unremunerative sectors, the Railways are taking a number of economy measures, which include curtailment in staff, number of train services and reduction in infrastructure. These measures are taken to contain losses with the extent possible.