

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:168  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2005  
REVENUE EARNED FROM FREIGHT  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the revenue earned from freight charges has increased on account of increase in freight charges;
- (b) if so, the percentage increase in the freight charges earned during the first quarter of the current year;
- (c) whether the said rate of revenue earnings is more as compared to previous year in respect of freight earnings;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the government is aware that in some areas, the goods are not delivered in time; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken to speed up the freight services in such areas?

**Answer**

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI LALU PRASAD )

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO 168 BY SHRI MOHD. SHAHID AND PROF. MAHADEORAO SHIWANKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 4.08.2005 REGARDING REVENUE EARNED FROM FREIGHT

(a) to (d) There was no 'across-the-board' increase in the freight rates in the Railway Budget 2005-06. During the first quarter of the current year, a growth of 13.25% and 19.67% has been achieved in loading and originating earnings respectively. The higher increase in originating earnings is primarily on account of substantial growth achieved in high rated commodities like Iron Ore for Export, Raw Materials to Steel Plants and 'Other Miscellaneous Goods'.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.