

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DROP IN RAILWAY REVENUE

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that railways could have lowered the upper class fares to meet the competition from low cost airlines;
- (b) if so, the likely impact on the earning of railway revenue due to the falling fare of airlines; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the earning of Railways?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c): Railways are aware of the competition from the Airlines sector particularly due to low cost Airlines. No visible impact is, however, seen on railways passenger earnings which have shown an encouraging growth of over 8% during the first seven months of the current financial year. Railways have taken following steps to increase its passenger earnings:

- (i) By generating additional seating capacity in trains by introducing additional trains and by changing the profile of trains through Passenger Profile Management (PPM) project.
- (ii) By enhancing load of patronised trains to the maximum.
- (iii) By attaching additional coaches to clear waiting list.
- (iv) By improving utilisation of coaching stock so as to ward off the shortage of coaches.