

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN TRAIN FARE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are earning huge profits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have reduced/propose to reduce the fares of all classes of passengers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways for providing efficient services to the passengers?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Operating Ratio, which is the ratio of working expenses to traffic revenues and the efficiency indicator of the Railways, stood at 91.0% in 2004-05 and for 2005-06 is budgeted at 90.8%.
- (c) & (d) Only the second class fares for ordinary passenger trains (including suburban) and mail express trains were reduced by Re.1 from 12.8.2005.
- (e) In order to provide efficient services to passengers, railways have taken a number of steps which include, generating additional seating capacity in trains by introducing additional trains, introduction of computerized Unreserved Ticketing system, starting of reservation on Internet and through mobile phone, introduction of scheme of e-ticketing, opening of more and more computerized Passenger Reservation Systems etc.