

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1470
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006
NEWLY CREATED EAST- COAST RAILWAY ZONES
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether Railways have reviewed the performance of the newly created railway zones in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof during last three years;
- (c): whether the East coast Railway Zone has taken any step to improve the passenger amenities in various railway stations under it; and
- (d): if so, the amount spent thereon and the work carried in that regard since its establishment, year-wise and station-wise?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1470 BY SHRI PARSURAM MAJHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2006 REGARDING NEWLY CREATED EAST-COAST RAILWAY ZONES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The physical and financial performance of the seven newly created Zones during the last three years i.e. 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under:

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

Particulars 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

East Central Railway

Passenger 688.71 741.91 847.99
Freight (Goods) 2249.02 2159.67 2607.94
Growth rate of Passenger 7.72% 14.30%
Growth rate of Freight(Goods) -3.97% 20.76%
Operating Ratio 93.7% 98.90% 82.29%

East Coast Railway

Passenger 301.48 300.2 333.08
Freight (Goods) 2664.41 2970.21 3564.34
Growth rate of Passenger -0.42% 10.95%
Growth rate of Freight(Goods) 11.48% 20.00%
Operating Ratio 66.6% 61.8% 54.01%

North Central Railway

Passenger 890.31 1052.87 1157.70
Freight (Goods) 2274.98 2804.78 3164.10
Growth rate of Passenger 18.26% 9.96%
Growth rate of Freight(Goods) 23.29% 12.81%
Operating Ratio 76.3% 66.7% 61.06%

North Western Railway

Passenger 456.28 492.31 557.41
Freight (Goods) 836.44 880.16 1152.92
Growth rate of Passenger 7.90% 13.22%
Growth rate of Freight(Goods) 5.23% 30.99%
Operating Ratio 106.3% 105.0% 93.94%

South East Central Railway

Passenger 225.23 262.79 308.24
Freight (Goods) 2468.5 2891.25 3331.66
Growth rate of Passenger 16.68% 17.30%
Growth rate of Freight(Goods) 17.13% 15.23%
Operating Ratio 62.8% 56.1% 49.97%

South Western Railway

Passenger	464.71	444.76	505.21
Freight (Goods)	621.14	811.12	1146.09
Growth rate of Passenger	-4.29%	13.59%	
Growth rate of Freight (Goods)	30.59%	41.30%	
Operating Ratio	91.4%	86.2%	80.97%
West Central Railway			
Passenger	479.57	557.17	658.92
Freight (Goods)	1917.78	2090.43	2244.43
Growth rate of Passenger	16.18%	18.26%	
Growth rate of Freight (Goods)	9.00%	7.37%	
Operating Ratio	81.00%	86.5%	82.67%

Freight loading performance of newly created Zones

Railway	Freight loading (in million tonnes)	Average percentage growth	
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06

East Central	54.97	58.58	61.92	4.21
East Coast	64.05	70.46	78.05	7.29
North Central	5.57	5.36	5.59	0.11
North Western	9.77	9.07	9.42	-1.19
South East Central	83.02	92.51	98.47	6.20
South Western	25.75	31.74	38.03	15.90
West Central	18.37	20.30	23.81	9.87

(c) & (d): Minimum essential amenities as per norms according to the category of station have been provided at all the stations over East Coast Railway. In addition, a number of important stations have been taken up for modernisation under model station scheme. Station-wise allocation/expenditure of funds are not maintained and separate figures of funds for improvement in the conditions of railway stations are also not maintained. The works relating to improvement in the conditions of railways stations are carried out mainly under plan head 'Passenger Amenities'. In addition, some works relating to improvement of stations are also carried out as a part of Doublings, Traffic Facility works, Gauge Conversions, Computerization etc. The expenditure incurred under plan head 'Passenger Amenities' during last three years in East Coast Railway is as under:-

(Figures in Rs. Crore)	Railway 03-04	Actual 04-05	Actual 05-06	Actual 06-07	Budget Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure Grant
(Prov.)							
East Coast	3.55	4.16	5.28	13.44			