

(c) the alternative proposals under consideration for modernisation of the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The Advisory Committee set-up under the Chairmanship of Shri Sam Pitroda in February, 2001 for a period of six months to initiate a comprehensive process of modernisation of Railway system and for launching a new initiative for resource mobilisation, was dissolved with effect from 9.6.2001 due to non-participation of Chairman and a Member in the deliberations of the Committee.

(c) An Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rakesh Mohan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, was constituted on 31.12.1998 to study the Railway Sector including organisational structure. The final report of the Group is expected shortly.

Revenue of S.E. Railway from Bilaspur Division

†1476. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total revenue earned by the Railways, year-wise, during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, in term of freight and passenger fare in Bilaspur Division (S.E. Railway) in Madhya Pradesh/Chhattisgarh; and

(b) the total revenue earned year-wise by S.E. Railway in terms of freight and passenger fare during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Year-wise Originating Earnings of Bilaspur Division is as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(Rs. in Crore)

Years	Freight	Passengers	Total
1998-1999	3766.20	120.87	3887.07
1999-2000	3878.22	135.33	4013.55
2000-2001	4237.31	144.78	4382.09

(b) Year-wise Originating Earnings of South Eastern Railway is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Years	Freight	Passengers	Total
1998-1999	7590.85	621.78	8212.63
1999-2000	8047.16	695.50	8742.66
2000-2001	9001.67	773.56	9775.23

Condition of Railway Labourers

1477. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Book on 1974 rail strike released", appearing in the Hindu dated the 31st May, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that no change has taken place in the condition of railway labourers and they are having the same plight and facing the same problems, as they had been facing in 1974; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.