

(ii) Upgradation of existing types of wagons to increase carrying capacity.

(iii) Introduction of longer freight trains on trial basis to improve throughput.

(b) Strategy adopted include rationalization of freight structure, levy of demand management charges like busy season charge, congestion charge for traffic, dynamic pricing policy for export iron ore and freight incentive schemes etc.

(c) Details of revenue earned from freight services for the last three years are as given below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	47434.90
2008-09	53433.42
2009-10	58501.68
2010-11 (upto Jan' 11 approx.)	50494.43

Status of gauge conversion works

1831. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of gauge conversion works across the country;

(b) the State-wise list of such projects currently under progress;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 44 acres of Railway land was transferred to Government of Maharashtra in Amravati district; and

(d) if so, the steps that Government is taking to retrieve it and start the gauge conversion work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Earning and operational expenses

1832. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the earnings as well as an increase in operational expenses of the Railways;