

ways to increase the revenue, the first half of the current year has proved to be far from satisfying in terms of earnings, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways have slipped in a big way in passenger earnings and its freight earnings too have not been able to meet the budget provision and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railways have registered a shortfall in revenue to the tune of Rs. 4121.49 crore as compared to budget proportion during the first half of current financial year *i.e.* from April 2013 to September 2013 as detailed below: -

(Rs. in crore)			
Traffic earnings	Budget Proportion upto September 2013	Total earning (revenue) upto September 2013	Shortfall
Passenger	20624.85	17580.16	-3044.69
Other Coaching	1658.89	1776.52	117.63
Goods	44327.32	43042.89	-1284.43
Sundry	1528.24	1618.24	90.00
TOTAL	68139.30	64017.81	-4121.49

The shortfall has been contributed by both passenger and freight segments. However, there is an increase of Rs. 5936 crore in revenue during this period as compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year *i.e.* from April 2012 to September 2012.

#### **Derailment of Mangala Express**

†1062. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several persons have died and many injured due to derailment of coaches of Mangala Express in Igatpuri near Nashik in Maharashtra recently, if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government has ordered an inquiry in the said train accident; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the derailment and whether any action has been taken against the persons responsible for the same and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) On 15.11.2013 at 06.20 hours, while the Train No. 12618 Up Nizamudin-Ernakulum Mangala Lakshadweep Express was on run between Ghoti and Igatpuri stations of Bhusawal division of Central Railway, its train engine and 13 coaches derailed, out of which 3 coaches capsized. In this accident, 3 passengers lost their life, 10 passengers suffered grievous injuries and 13 suffered simple injuries.

(b) and (c) A statutory inquiry Into the above accident, being conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS)/Central Circle under the Ministry of Civil Aviation is underway.

#### Incidents of fire in Trains

†1063. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that pantry car of Dibrugarh-New Delhi Rajdhani Express had caught fire on 15 October, 2013;

(b) the number of incidents of fire in trains in the last one year;

(c) the reasons for each of such incidents; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to check these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During last one year, *i.e.*, from 01.12.2012 to 30.11.2013, there have been 6 consequential train accidents involving fire in trains.

(c) Based on the inquiry reports including *prima-facie* cause analysis of these accidents, two incidents of fire in train occurred due to poor maintenance

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