

(c) if so, whether in spite of growth rate of cashless reservation of tickets through IRCTC going upto 68 per cent in 2016-17, losses were incurred by it; and

(d) if so, the proposal of Government to compensate IRCTC for the losses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) No, Sir. Service charge was withdrawn from e-tickets w.e.f. 23.11.2016 to promote digital and cashless transactions. IRCTC had requested the Government for the notional amount of service charge for part of Financial Year 2016-17 and for Financial Year 2017-18.

(b) IRCTC was imposing an additional charge as service charge, only on e-tickets, over and above the cost of the ticket, which acted as a disincentive for the passengers. The Government is committed to promote digital and cashless transactions and the removal of the service charge is a positive step towards encouraging this policy. The amount of Revenue which could not be collected by IRCTC due to removal of this additional service charges amounted to ₹ 219 crore between 23rd November, 2016 to March, 2017. This should not be viewed as a revenue loss, but as an incentive to go digital.

(c) IRCTC's share of e-ticketing was about 62 per cent of reserved tickets on Indian Railways in 2016-17. IRCTC could not collect service charges on e-tickets due to the Government policy to encourage cashless and digital transactions. Despite removal of service charge, IRCTC recorded a higher Profit Before Tax (PBT) of ₹ 328.47 crores in 2016-17 as against ₹ 306.79 crores in 2015-16.

(d) Government proposes to compensate IRCTC for the annual cost of operation for sale of Railway tickets through internet of about ₹ 80 crore per annum.

Employment in FPIs

*85. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Food Processing Industries (FPIs) in the country and the number of those having more than 20 employees along with the details thereof, State-wise; and

(b) the number and details of FPIs which have more capacity of employment?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL): (a) As per Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), 2014-15, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the total number of registered food processing units (factories) having 10 workers or more

with aid of power and 20 workers or more without aid of power is estimated at 38,603. The State/UT-wise number of such registered units as per the ASI, 2014-15 is given in the Statement-I (See below).

Further, as per the 67th round survey of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on 'Unincorporated Non-agricultural Enterprises (Excluding Construction)' conducted in 2010-11, the estimated number of unincorporated enterprises engaged in the manufacture of food products and beverages was 22,41,192. The State/UT-wise number of such unincorporated units is given in the Statement-I.

(b) Based on the number of employment per ₹ 1 crore of fixed capital investment criteria under ASI, 2014-15, the food processing segments which has more employment potential are meat, fish, fruits and vegetables, grain milling, bakery products, prepared meals, prepared animal feed and manufacturing of wine. As per the ASI, 2014-15, the number of registered food processing units having more employment capacity is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

State/UT-wise number of registered/unincorporated food processing units in India

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UTs	Number of Registered Units as Per Annual Survey of Industries, 2014-15	Number of Unincorporated Enterprises manufacturing food and beverages as per 67th round Survey of NSSO, 2010-11
1	2	3	4
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	6	845
2.	Andhra Pradesh	5833	210997
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	28	383
4.	Assam	1317	61068
5.	Bihar	838	124690
6.	Chandigarh (U.T.)	19	118
7.	Chhattisgarh	1141	19815
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	6	120
9.	Daman and Diu	43	181

1	2	3	4
10.	Delhi	165	14210
11.	Goa	88	1046
12.	Gujarat	2001	94729
13.	Haryana	881	29785
14.	Himachal Pradesh	166	21990
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	162	23340
16.	Jharkhand	219	123220
17.	Karnataka	2084	95792
18.	Kerala	1525	64223
19.	Lakshadweep	-	178
20.	Madhya Pradesh	816	102973
21.	Maharashtra	3014	222441
22.	Manipur	23	1800
23.	Meghalaya	19	6857
24.	Mizoram	-	1398
25.	Nagaland	20	1380
26.	Odisha	969	126567
27.	Puducherry	65	1308
28.	Punjab	2840	48970
29.	Rajasthan	857	98935
30.	Sikkim	18	49
31.	Tamil Nadu	5149	146547
32.	Telangana	3967	-
33.	Tripura	75	29328
34.	Uttar Pradesh	2055	349951
35.	Uttarakhand	386	20185
36.	West Bengal	1808	195773
TOTAL		38603	2241192

Source: 1. Annual Survey of Industries, 2014-15, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

2. 67th Round of Survey of NSSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Statement-II*Segment-wise number of food processing units having more employment capacity*

Sl. No.	Description on Food Processing	Number of Processing Units
1.	Meat	170
2.	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and production thereof	427
3.	Fruits and Vegetables	1133
4.	Grain Mill products	18953
5.	Bakery products	1613
6.	Prepared meals and dishes	277
7.	Food Products (Not Elsewhere Classified)	5765
8.	Prepared Animal feeds	881
9.	Manufacture of Wines	74

Source: Based on Annual Survey of Industries, 2014-15, Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Profit earned from railway tickets

†*86. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is earning a lot of profit through railway tickets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of annual income to Government by way of online reservation charges, self cancellation and auto cancellation charges in case of online waiting tickets, charges in the name of insurance in addition to many other charges?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) The Passenger Earnings on Indian Railways for the last three years is as follows:

(₹ in crores)

Year	Passenger Earnings
2014-15	42189.61
2015-16	44283.26
2016-17	46280.46

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.