

(d) whether any remedial measures have been taken/being taken by the Ministry to alleviate the problems of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of AC failure on 14 occasions are as under:—

(i) AC plant equipment failure : 07

(ii) Power Car Failure : 05

(iii) Power Supply feeder failure : 02

(d) Following remedial measures have been taken by the Ministry:

(i) Coaches arrived with complaints have been withdrawn from service.

(ii) 30 nos. of AC plant compressors have been changed to improve cooling.

(iii) Out of turn preventive repair of all power cars has been done to ensure no further en-route failures.

(iv) Air duct, Air diffuser, Fresh air/Return air filters and coils cleaned to improve cooling of all coaches.

(v) Major components such as Air Filters and Condenser coils of Roof Mounted Package Unit (RMPU) units are being cleaned to improve AC performance.

Operating ratio of Railways

901. DR. SANTANU SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operating ratio of Railways is under stress, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of average operating ratio in the last three years and the profitability of Railways;

(c) the details of passenger and freight revenue targets set by Government in the last three years and whether the said targets were met; and

(d) whether Government has taken any initiatives or conducted any survey to ascertain the feasibility of privatization of Railways due to continuing high operating ratio and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) In recent years, Railways' Operating Ratio has been under stress due to sharp rise in staff cost and pension

outgo consequent upon implementation of the recommendations of 7th Central Pay Commission with effect from 2016-17 which has increased expenditure by approximately ₹22,000 crore per year. Railways' Operating Ratio and profitability in the last three years are as follows:

Items	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
Operating Ratio	96.5%	98.4%	97.3%
Surplus Generated in (₹ in cr.)	4,913	1,666	3,773

* The figures of 2018-19 are provisional.

The average operating ratio of Railways during 2016-17 to 2018-19 is 97.4%.

(c) The passenger and freight revenue targets and achievements for the last three years are as follows:

Year	Target in Revised Estimates	Actuals	Shortfall in Actuals over target
Passenger Earnings (₹ in crore)			
2016-17	48000.00	46280.46	1719.54
2017-18	50125.00	48643.14	1481.86
2018-19*	52000.00	51066.64	933.36
Freight Earnings (₹ in crore)			
2016-17	108900.00	104338.54	4561.46
2017-18	117500.00	117055.40	444.60
2018-19*	129750.00	127430.08	2319.92

* The Actuals of 2018-19 are provisional.

(d) No, Sir.

Ladies coaches in trains

†902. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of ladies coaches are very less in various trains running on important rail routes in the country, if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.