

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3494  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

**LOW UTILIZATION OF BUDGET IN RAILWAYS**

3494 SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) the data of Budgetary Allocation, Revised Estimates and Actuals from 2017 till now, for the Railways;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the funds of the Ministry are being underutilized year after year; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for the underutilization of the funds?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3494 BY SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 01.04.2022 REGARDING LOW UTILIZATION OF BUDGET IN RAILWAYS**

(a) to (c) : The data for Capital Expenditure for the Budgetary Allocation, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure from 2017-18 to 2021-22 is as under -

(₹ in crore)

	<b>Budget Estimates (BE)</b>	<b>Revised Estimates (RE)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>% utilization w.r.t RE</b>
2017-18	131000	120100	101985	85%
2018-19	146500	146358	133377	91%
2019-20	160176	156352	148064	95%
2020-21	161042	161692	155181	96%
2021-22	215058	215000	155261 ( Exp. to end of Feb'2022)	

It would be seen that average utilisation of funds with reference to Revised Estimates during 2017-18 to 2020-21 is around 92%. Utilization of less than 100% funds could be attributable to multiple reasons including failure of contract, non-availability of land from concerned State Governments, non-availability of timely clearances etc.

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