

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 289
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

SUBURBAN RAILWAY SERVICES

289. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) whether 88 per cent of the passengers of Mumbai and 82 percent of those in the Kolkata-Howrah-Sealdah terminals are suburban, if so, whether only a pittance of the railway budget is spent on them;
- b) whether the earnings in the last Financial Year was only ₹ 736.28 crore from three major suburban railway services including Chennai, against the expenditure of ₹8,534.89 crores; and
- c) the total number of suburban and non suburban passengers each year in the country and percentage of the Railway budget do these two categories get?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 289 BY SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.02.2023 REGARDING SUBURBAN RAILWAY SERVICES.

(a) Yes, Sir. 88 per cent of the passengers of Mumbai and 82 percent of those in the Kolkata-Howrah-Sealdah terminals are suburban. The suburban services of Mumbai are served by Central and Western Railway and Kolkata-Howrah-Sealdah suburban services are served by Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway and Metro Railway. Railway budget for both revenue and capital expenditure is allotted to these zones based on their requirement and resource availability. The budget allotment and expenditure is for all services including suburban.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Total no. of suburban and Non-suburban passenger carried by Indian Railway in 2020-21 and 2021-22 is given below:-

(in million)

Year	Suburban	Non-Suburban	Total
2020-21	917	333	1250
2021-22	2169	1350	3519

The expenditure and budget allotment is for maintenance and creation of entire rail infrastructure which is being used to operate all services including suburban.
