

Table 2.1: Financial Performance of Indian Railways

Particulars	₹ crore)								
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (BE)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
1 Gross Traffic Receipts	178725	189907	174357	140571	191206	239983	255273	278100	
(i) Passenger Coaching	48643	51067	50669	15248	39214	63417	70693	80000	
(ii) Other Coaching	4314	4474	4641	2097	4900	5958	6727	7500	
(iii) Goods	117055	127433	113488	117232	141096	162263	168293	180000	
(iv) Other Earnings	8688	6996	5863	5939	6068	8499	9652	10500	
(v) Suspense Account	24	-63	-304	55	-72	-154	-94	100	
2 Working Expenses	175834	184780	171319	136568	204606	235656	250894	273000	
(i) Ordinary Working Expenses	128497	140200	150211	135845	156506	180256	191094	205000	
(ii) Appropriation to depreciation reserve fund	1540	300	400	200	0	700	800	1000	
(iii) Appropriation to Pension Fund	45798	44280	20708#	523#	48100	54700	59000	67000	
3 Net Traffic Receipts (1-2)	2891	5126	3037	4003	-13400	4327	4379	5100	
4 Net Miscellaneous Receipts	-1225	-1352	-1448	-1456	-1625	-1809	-1119	-2300	
5 Net Revenue (3+4)	1666	3774	1590	2547	-15025	2518	3260	2800	
6 (i) Capital Investment - Appropriation A/C (Cumulative)*	271276	408473	476314	506240	623511	782765	1025413	1277616	
(ii) Investment from capital fund (Cumulative)	53450	53450	53450	53450	53450	53450	53450	53450	
(iii) Total 6(i)+6(ii)	324726	461923	529764	559690	676961	836215	1078863	1331066	
7 Item 5 as % of Item 6(iii)	0.5	0.82	0.3	0.46	-2.22	0.3	0.3	0.21	
8 Pension Expenditure for the Year	45275	46718	49188	48435	51935	55034	58038	65000	
8 <sup>a</sup> % Growth of Pension Expenditure over Previous Year	11.9	3.2	5.3	-1.5	7.2	5.97	5.5	12	
9 Total Capex for the Year	101985	133377	148064	155181	190267	203983	262217	265200	
9 <sup>a</sup> % Growth to Total Capex over Previous Year	-5.8	30.8	11	4.8	22.6	7.21	28.5	1.1	

Source :- Ministry of Railways

Notes :- 1. Dividend Payment has been done away with as per Budget merger conditions and hence no dividend payment from 2016-17.

2. \* Upto 2017-18, row 6(i) depicts capital at charge.

\* From Part-I of Appropriation A/C Book

# In 2019-20, lesser appropriation to Pension Fund vis-à-vis Pension expenditure of Rs. 49188 cr led to adverse balance of Rs. 28398 cr in Public Account. In 2020-21 also, Railways witnessed a resource gap (assessed at about Rs 51,000 crore at RE stage) due to adverse impact of Covid19 pandemic on railway traffic leading to nominal appropriation to Pension fund. The gap for both these years was offset through a special Covid loan from the Government. In 2021-22 also, due to the continuing continuing adverse impact of Covid 19, the Government allowed expenditure in excess of Railway receipts.