

Freight Operations & Operating Indices

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Scheme of Presentation

Freight Loading

Future Plans

Primary Units, Fundamental Units, Derived Units

Categories – Traffic, Power , and Rolling Stock

Indices

Summing Up

Freight Loading – 2015-16

Commodity	Loading (Million Tonne)
Coal	551.67
Raw Material for Steel Plants	20.30
Pig Iron and Finished Steel	42.47
Iron Ore for Exports	2.13
Iron Ore for Steel Plants	78.78
Iron Ore for Other Users	36.47
Cement	106.07
Food Grains	45.84
Fertilisers	52.25
POL	43.96
Container Services	46.18
Other Goods	78.05
Total	1104.17

Procedure for booking of goods

Registration of a wagon demand by customer

Allotment of wagons by Operations department

Execution of forwarding note for goods by customer

Examination of goods and their packing by Commercial staff

Marking of packages

Procedure for booking of goods

Loading of consignments in the wagons by customer

Labeling, sealing and riveting of loaded wagons

Weighment of wagons

Calculation of freight and issue of R.R.

Preferential Traffic Schedule

(GO No. 81 -as per powers conferred by section 71 of The Railways Act, 1989)

Priority	Traffic/Commodity
A	Military Traffic
B	Goods for Emergency relief work Food grains and levy sugar for P.D.S. or other welfare schemes
C	Coal, Edible salt, Raw Material to Steel Plants, Fertilizer, POL
D	All traffic not included in priority 'A' to 'C'

Unit of Loading

Smalls traffic – Not allowed now

Wagon Load - Option Available but not encouraged

Train Load – Mostly followed

Unit of movement - Train

Unit of loading

Wagon Load– Less than full rake – wagon load rate charged

Train Load – one full rake – Train load rate charged

Two-point rake – loaded full rake but for Two different Destination – train load rate charged

Mini-Rake- Half rake is loaded – train load rate – limited distance

Calculation of freight

Freight charges depend on

- Weight of consignment
- Distance between two stations(Distance for charge)
- Classification of the commodity(Rate applicable-Rs/tonne)
- Mode of payment (Paid / To-pay)
- Risk rate chosen by party - Owners' Risk rate (ORR) or Railway Risk rate (RRR)

Other charges

Busy season surcharge (Dynamic pricing)

Terminal charge

Congestion surcharge

Supplementary charge

Miscellaneous charges

Preparation of Invoice / issue of Railway Receipt

Railway Receipt

Foreign R.R.

(Destination on Other zones/Other countries)

Local R.R

(Destination within the zone)

Paid

(Payment at origin)

To-Pay

(Payment at Destination)

Paid-ToPay

(To Pakistan & Bangladesh) IR Paid, Rest To-Pay

Paid

(Payment at Origin)

To-Pay

(Payment at Destination)

RAILWAY RECIEPT (Manual)

① MF BCHA 71437567 = 770 ② SB BCHA 4807254 = 1150 ③ SB BCHA 131427513 = 1150
 ④ MF BCHA 72133571 = 1072 ⑤ MF BCHA 71407267 = 1060 ⑥ WB BCHA 6344554 = 1150
 WESTERN RAILWAY
 10115 LST 0-137 0144 03 OF BCHA
 MR BCHA 110022 4x 769 = 1140 0 R BCHA 750777 4x 55.14 = 1150
 Com G-25
 036721
82223 VADODARA GOODS
 228776
 MNYA AZHIDFOR
 TMD
 Super salt LTI - BRG
 Madhvan Leter LTI - MDAZ
 Sold to Commt
 8650 more bags
 Refund Jodish salt
 As chd by purpose
 50 kg
 036721
 L & U by owner
 directly loaded from
 truck to wagon.
 Bags not Counted &
 not supervised by
 Rly. Staff.
**TRAIN LOAD CONDITION
 COMPLIED WITH**
 82223 VADODARA GOODS



Ordering of trains

Concept of ordering – ordering a train means deciding tentative time for departure of that train

- **Ordering Depends on Availability Of:**
 - **Load**
 - **Power**
 - **Path**
 - **Crew & Guard**

Ordering of trains

Three units play major role

- **Goods-shed/siding/yard- Making the load available.**
 - Train is generated here after loading/unloading.
 - Train is also formed in a yard
 - Efficiency of these units help early formation of trains

Ordering of trains

Loco shed- Making loco available

- **Power plan** – No. of locos shed is suppose to provide for train operations
- **Outage** – No. of locos actually provided by loco shed
- **Schedules** – Major & Minor maintenance schedules
- **Unscheduled repairs** – Failures on line before normal schedules

Ordering of trains

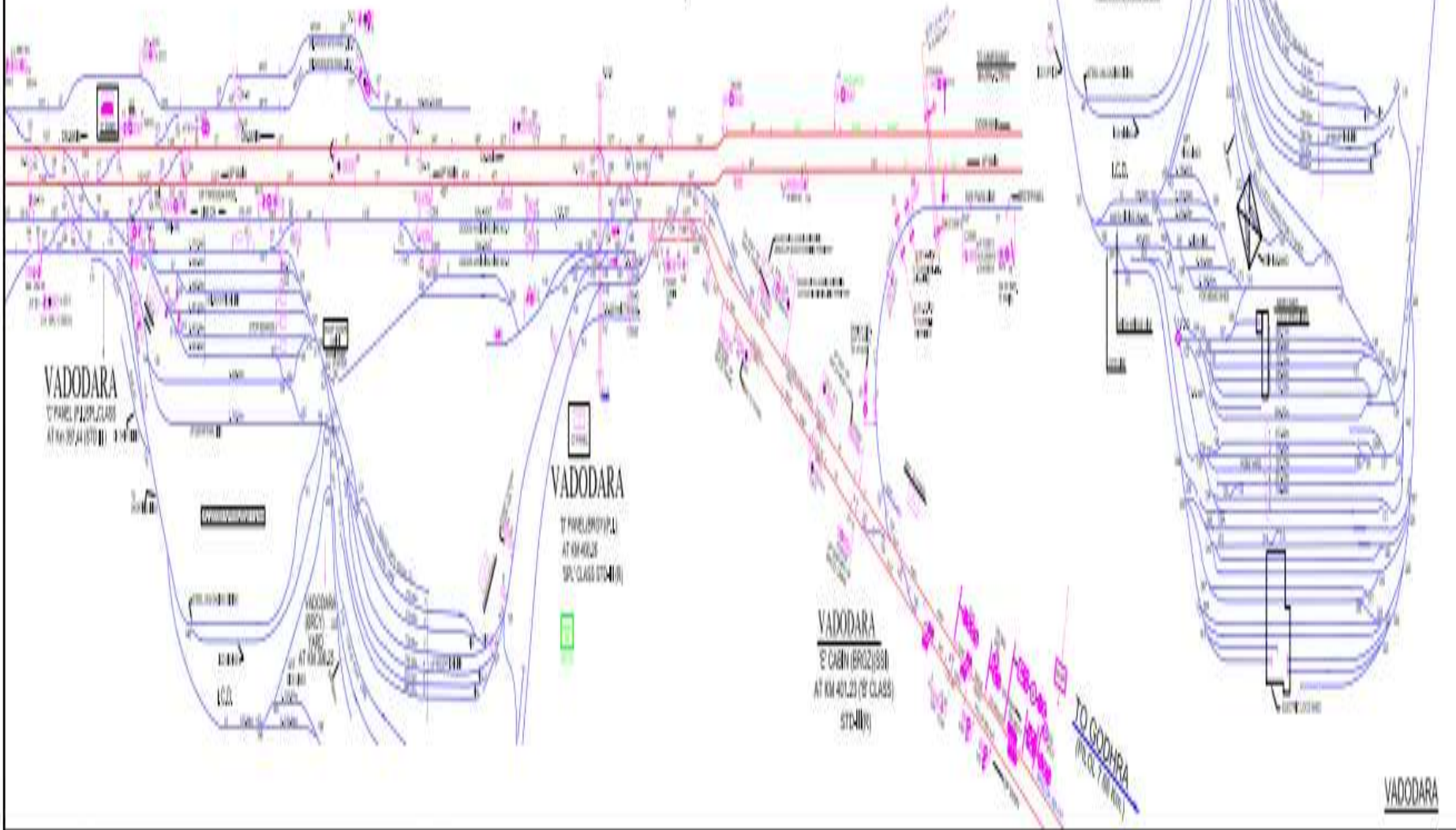
Control Office - finding path and ordering the train

- **Ordering is done by Dy. CTNL (R) and same is advised to PCR/TLC for arranging crew**
- **Lobby is simultaneously advised for arranging crew.**
- **Lobby will advise crew about their booking to work a train through a call boy/SMS**
- **Crew reports accordingly for duty at Lobby and sign on duty and take charge of train**

VADODARA 'C', 'D', 'E' & YARD

TO AHMEDABAD
(BAVA 2.75 Km)

YARD DETAIL



VADODARA JN.



CORRECTED UP TO DATE : 11-02-2014

WESTERN RAILWAY
VADODARA DIVISION
SURAT-AHMEDABAD SECTION DIAGRAM
OF VADODARA JN. STATION YARD

M.S.L. 361.19 M

Vadodara - Yard



Vadodara - Yard



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Vadodara - Yard



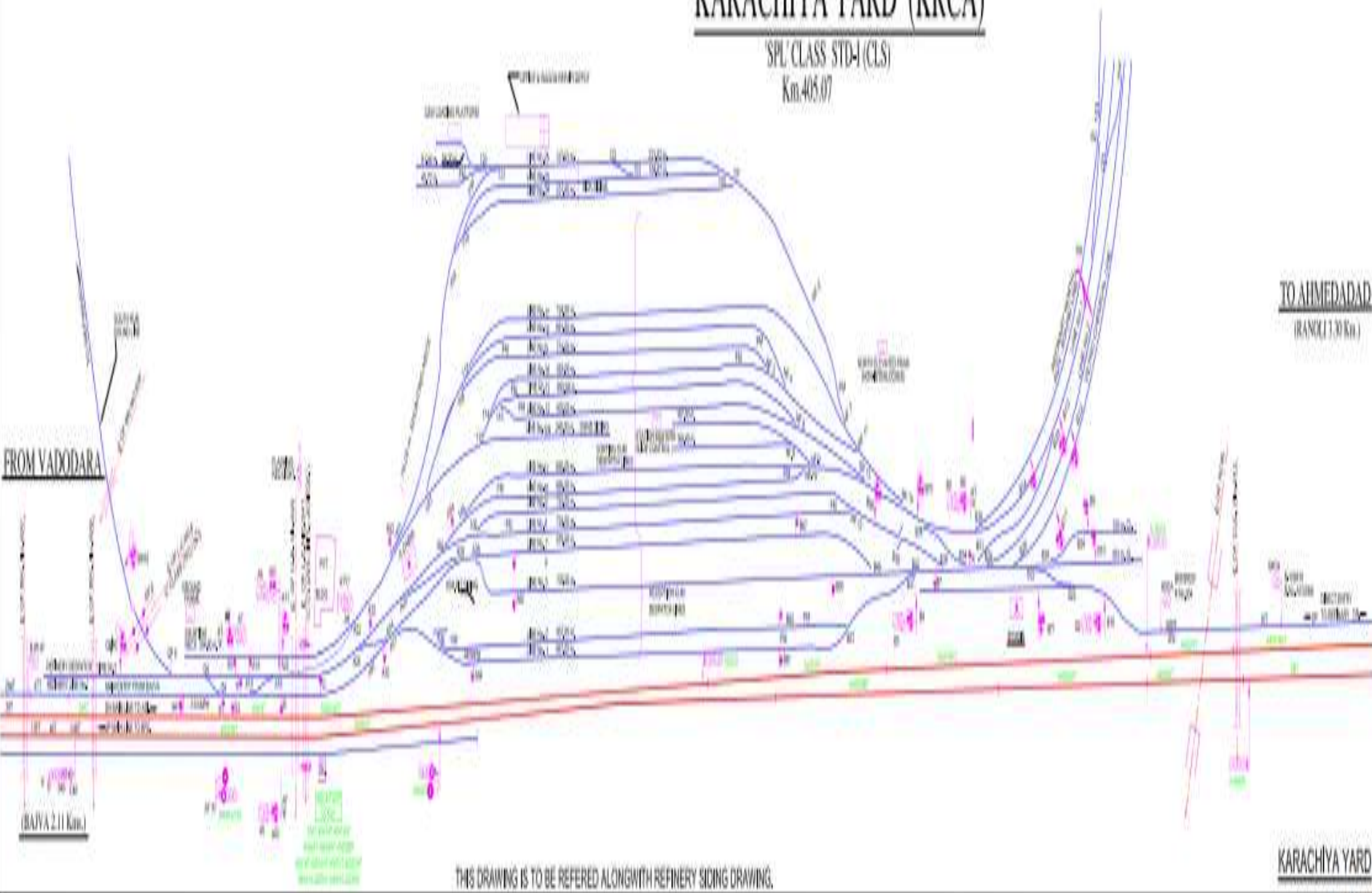
KARACHIYA YARD (KRCA)

'SPL' CLASS STD-1 (CLS)
Km.405.07

TO AHMEDABAD
(RANOLI 1.30 Km)

FROM VADODARA

(BAVA 2.11 Km.)



THIS DRAWING IS TO BE REFERED ALONGWITH REFINERY SIDING DRAWING.

KARACHIYA YARD

Karachiya -Yard



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Efficiency Indices

Operating Indices

Indices are essential in train operations for:

- planning, prioritizing and monitoring of activities

Indices are based on four factors :

- Quantity
- Distance
- Duration
- Service

Primary Units

Quantity - Expressed as

- Tonnes
- Number of passenger carried
- Earnings derived

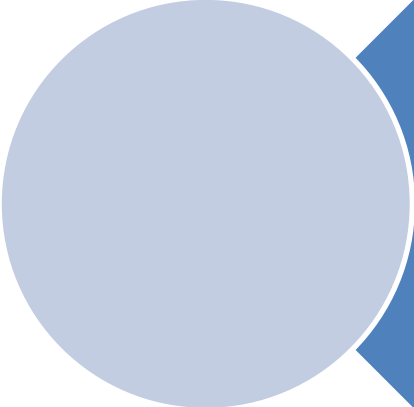
Distance - Expressed in
kms.

Duration - Expressed in
days, hours & minutes

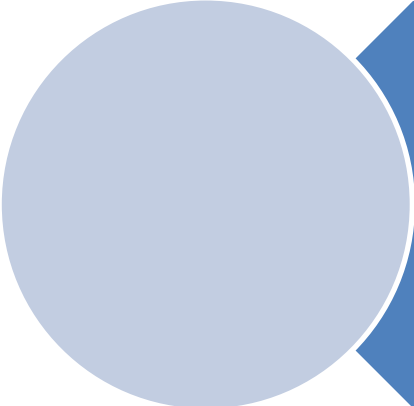
Service performed -
Expressed in terms of

- Trains
- Vehicles
- Wagons
- Engines

Fundamental Units



Relationship between primary units, expressed in composite terms is called 'Fundamental units'



Fundamental units express two primary units in their relationship to one another, such as :

- Tonne - kms.
- Passenger – kms.
- Train - kms.
- Wagon - kms.
- Engine - hours
- Wagon - days etc.

Derived Units

Expresses the relationship that exists between two sets of primary or fundamental units

The results thus arrived at is termed 'Derived Units'

Examples : Operating Indices

Earning/Passenger = Passenger earning (P)
/Passenger carried (P)

Derived Units

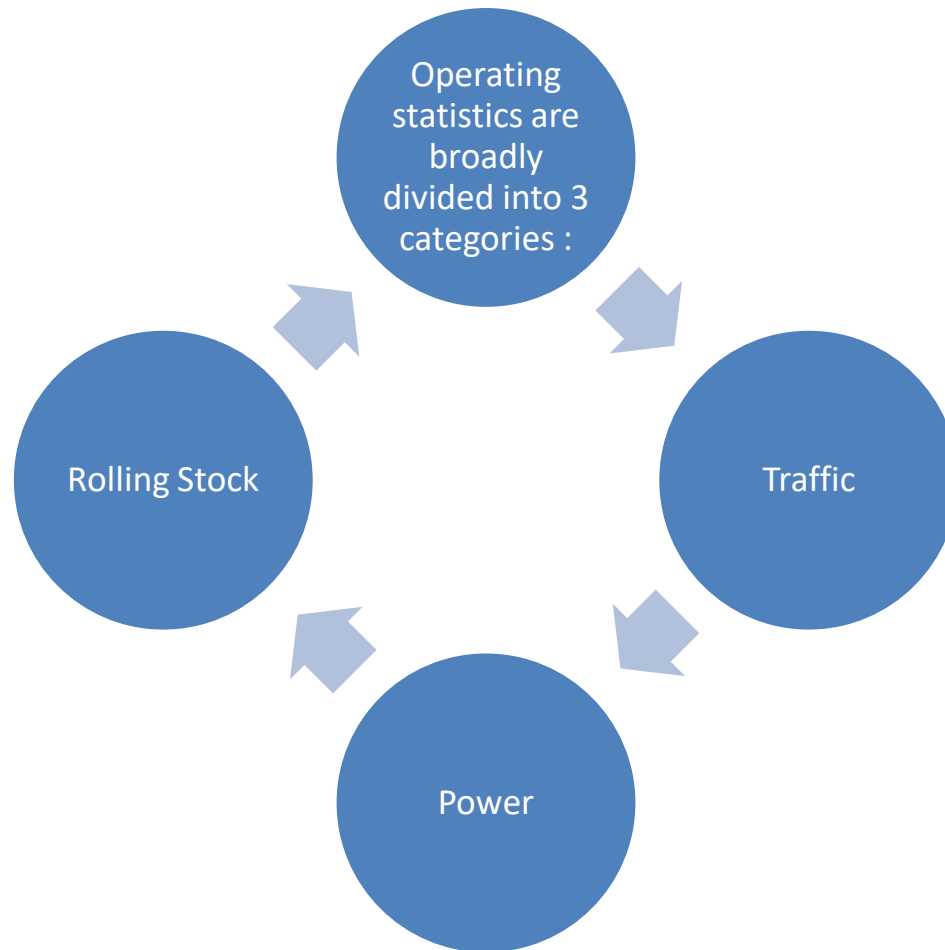
Earning/Passenger –Km. = $\frac{\text{Passenger earning (P)}}{\text{Passenger Kms. (F)}}$

Lead of Passenger Traffic = $\frac{\text{Passenger Kms. (F)}}{\text{No. of Passenger (P)}}$

Wagon Kms./Wagon day = $\frac{\text{Wagon Kms. (F)}}{\text{Wagons days (F)}}$

Derived Units highlight special features of transportation output and are useful in evolving suitable management strategies

Operating Indices



Traffic statistics

Wagons
loaded

Wagon
mobility

Wagon usage

Train loads

Train mobility

Productive and
unproductive
services

Wagon
detention

Marshalling
yard

Terminal goods
station

Punctuality

Power statistics



Engine usage

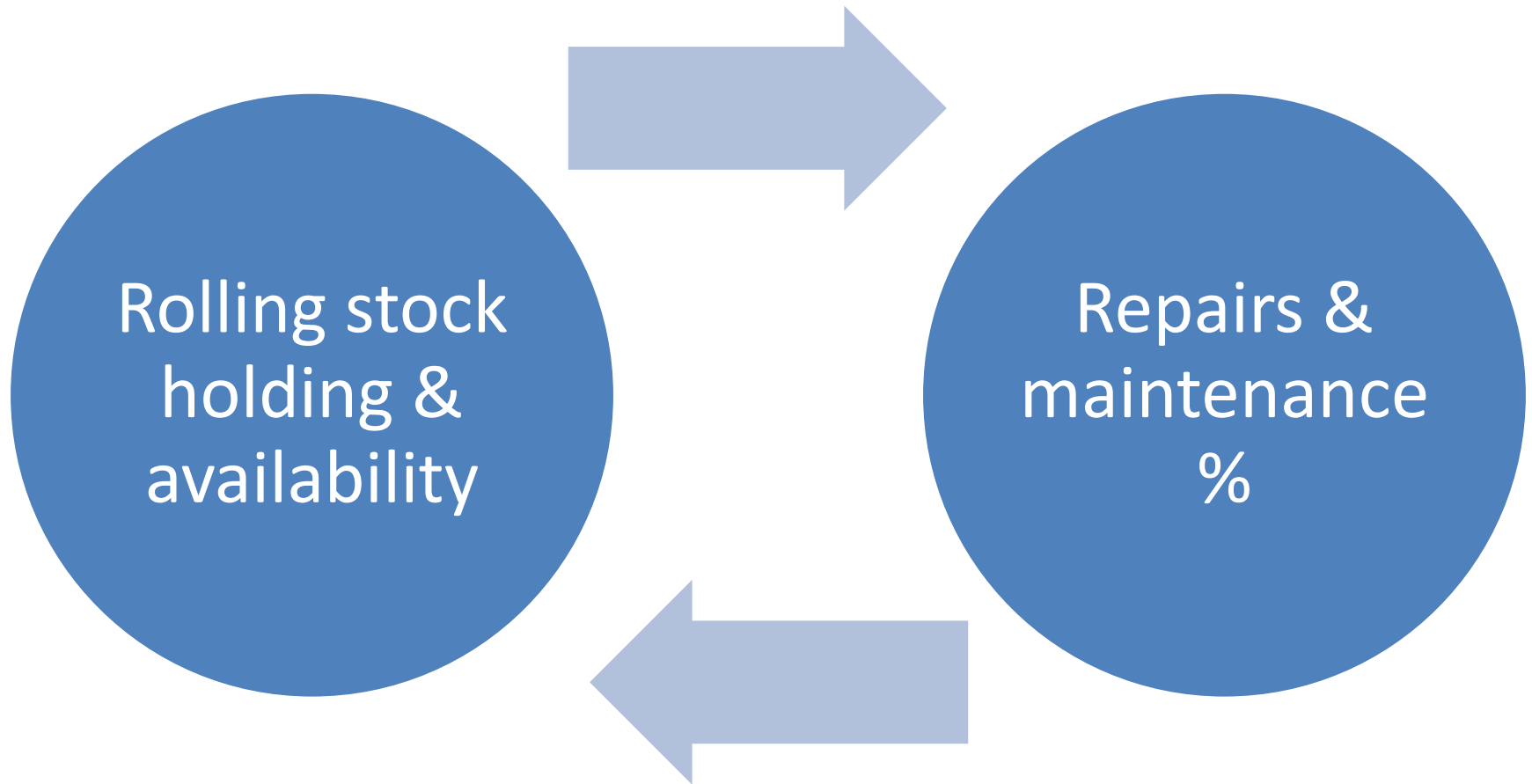


Fuel and energy
consumption

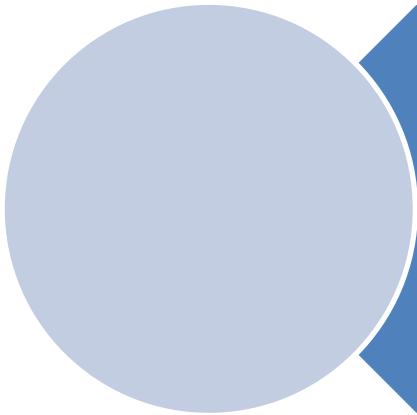


Engine failure statistics
etc

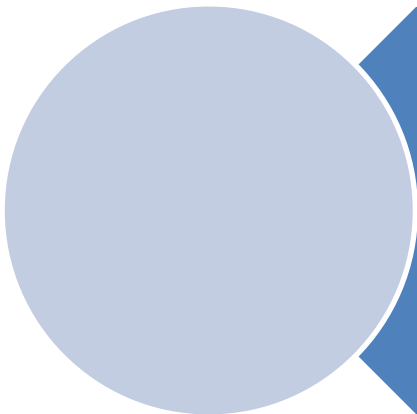
Rolling stock statistics



Operating Statistics



Operating ratio. –The ratio of workings expense (excluding suspense but including appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund) to Gross Earnings



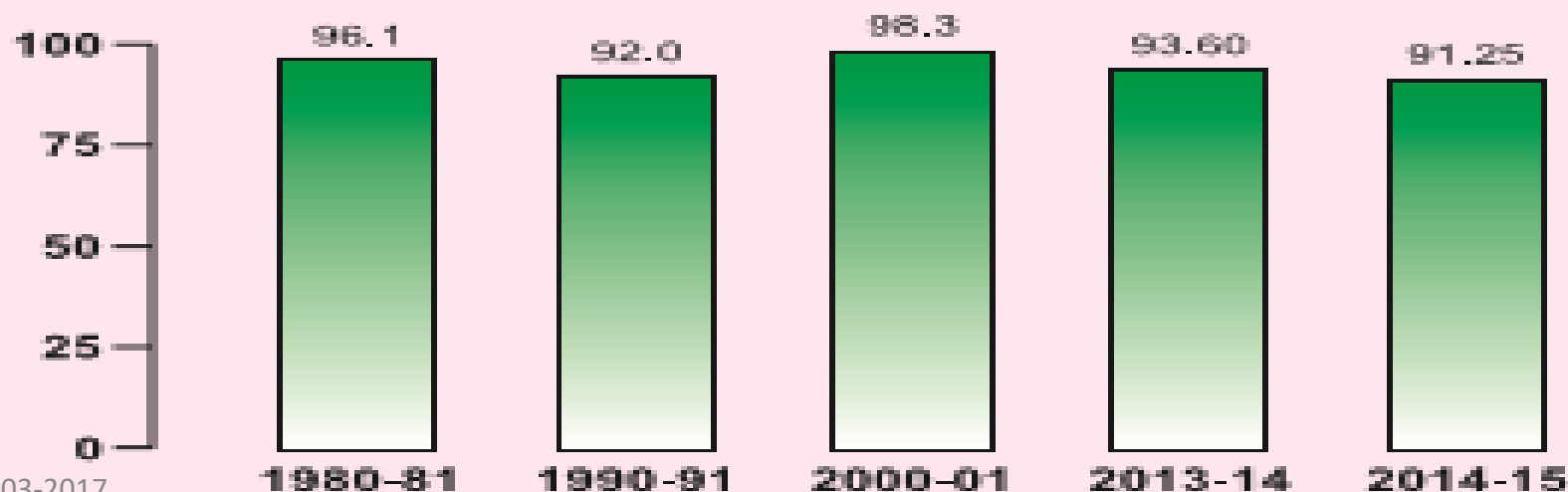
Expenditure incurred in connection with Administration, Operation, Maintenance and repairs of open line traffic

EXPENSES

(₹ in millions)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Genl. Superintendence	46,104.8	51,722.3	55,854.3	60,225.6
Repairs & Maintenance	237,500.6	257,999.7	289,594.3	317,625.5
Operating Expenses	384,402.0	446,134.6	540,234.7	574,451.5
Staff welfare	42,332.9	45,753.6	52,420.8	59,609.1
Misc. Wkg. Exp.	36,263.0	40,232.2	43,246.3	51,399.4
Suspense	(-)1,229.2	(-)1,684.2	-2795.2	(-)3,610.4
Total Ordy. Wkg. Exp.	745,374.1	840,120.4	975,707.6	1,059,958.8
Contribution to Funds	2,41,300.0	275,600.0	327,500.0	370,000.0
Total Working Exp.	986,674.1	1,115,720.4	1,303,207.1	1,429,958.8
Other Misc. Exp.	7,962.7	9,932.0	11,440.9	11,828.8
Gross Wkg. Exp.	994,636.8	1,125,652.4	1,314,648.0	1,441,787.6

OPERATING RATIO (PERCENT)



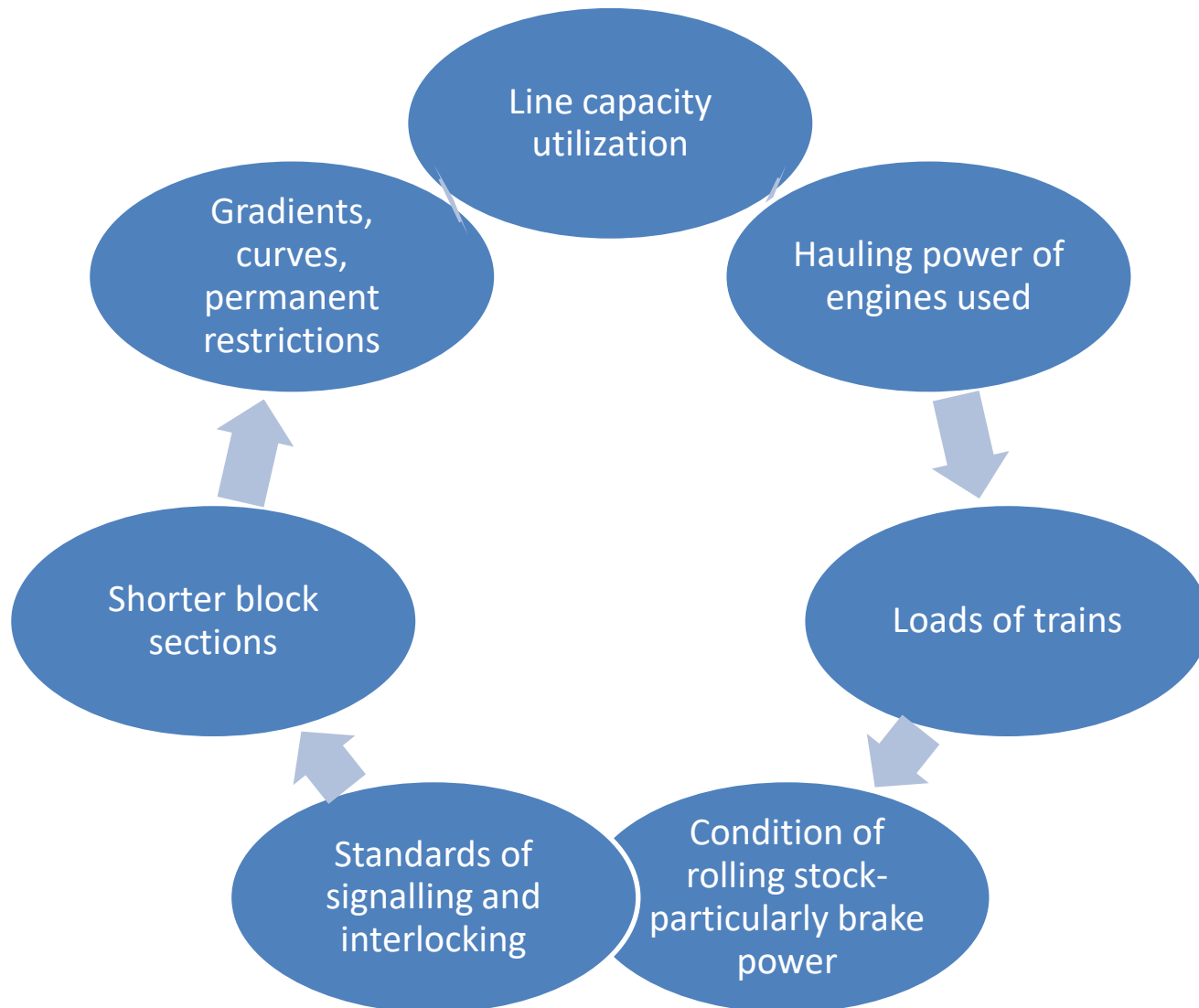
Wagon Usage

Average Speed of Goods Trains

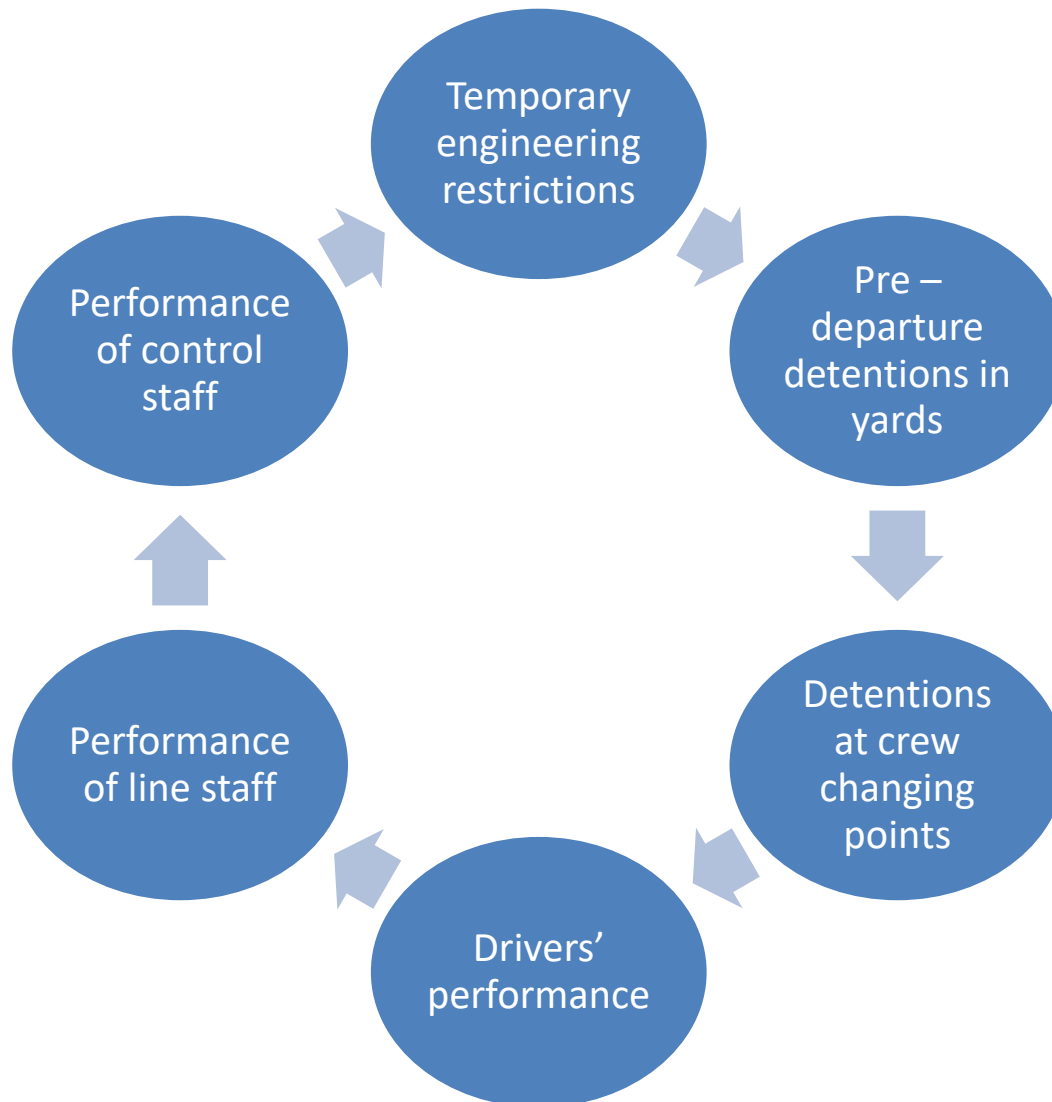
- This figure is a measure of wagon mobility
- Result is calculated separately for 'through goods trains' and all goods trains
- Detentions to through goods trains at roadside stations has the effect of bringing down average speeds

Average speed
of Goods
Trains = Train
kms. / Train
Engine hrs.

Average Speed of Goods Trains - Factors



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Wagon Usage

Wagon kms./wagon
day

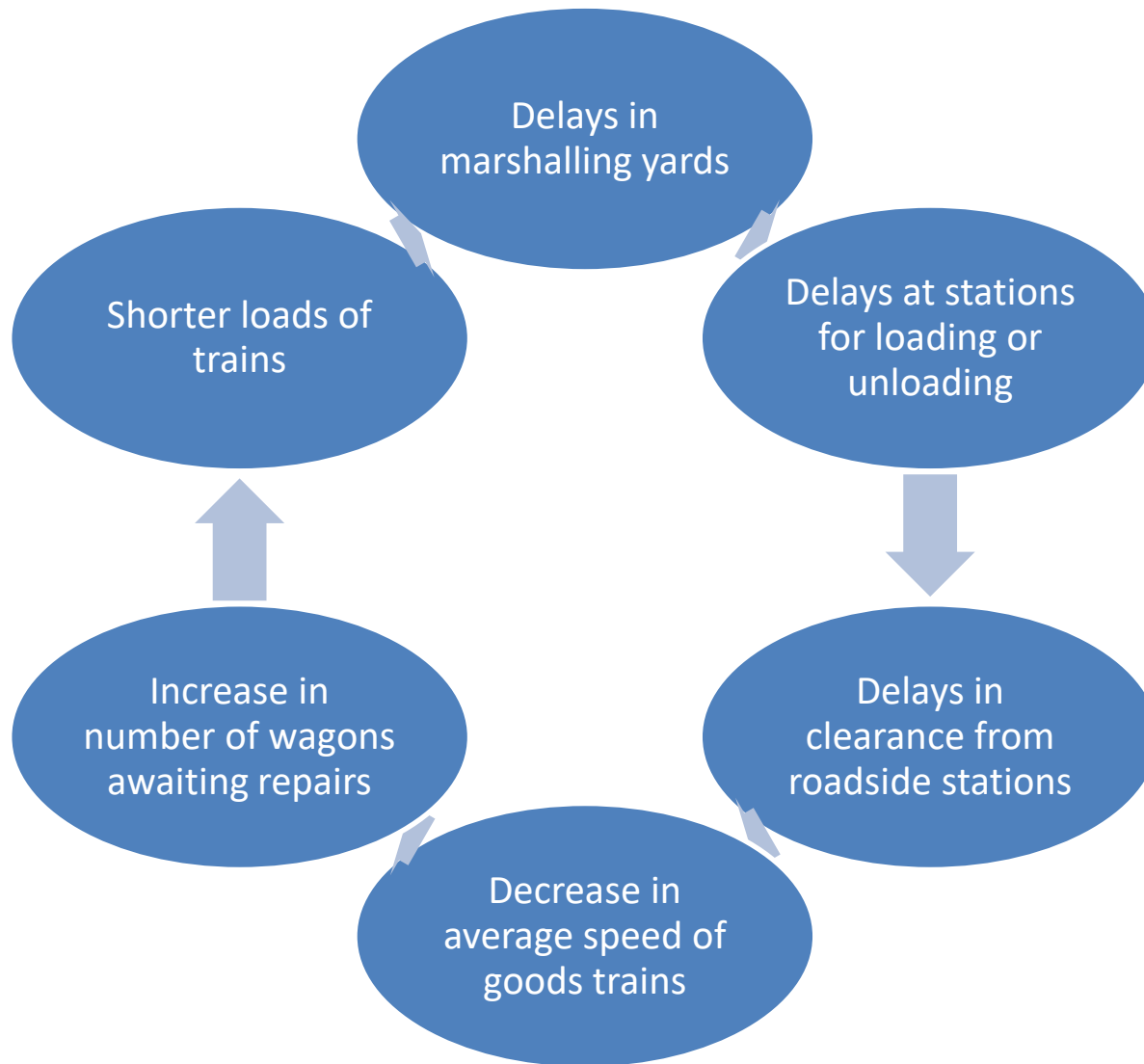


This figure is a
measure of wagon
mobility



It indicates the
average number of
kms. moved by a
wagon, per day,
both loaded and
empty

Wagon kms./wagon day - Factors



Freight Train & Wagon Kms.

Year	FREIGHT TRAIN KMS.		WAGON KMS.	
	Total (Millions)	Per running track km. per day	+ Total (Millions)	Percentage of loaded to total
1980-81	199	7.2	12,165	69.5
1990-91	245	8.5	19,230	65.5
2000-01	261	8.7	27,654	60.9
2010-11	368	11.6	17,749	66.5
2013-14	419*	12.9	19,546	65.1
2014-15	402	12.1	18,930	65.2

+ in term of 8-wheelers from 2008-09 onwards

* revised

Net Tonne kms./wagon day

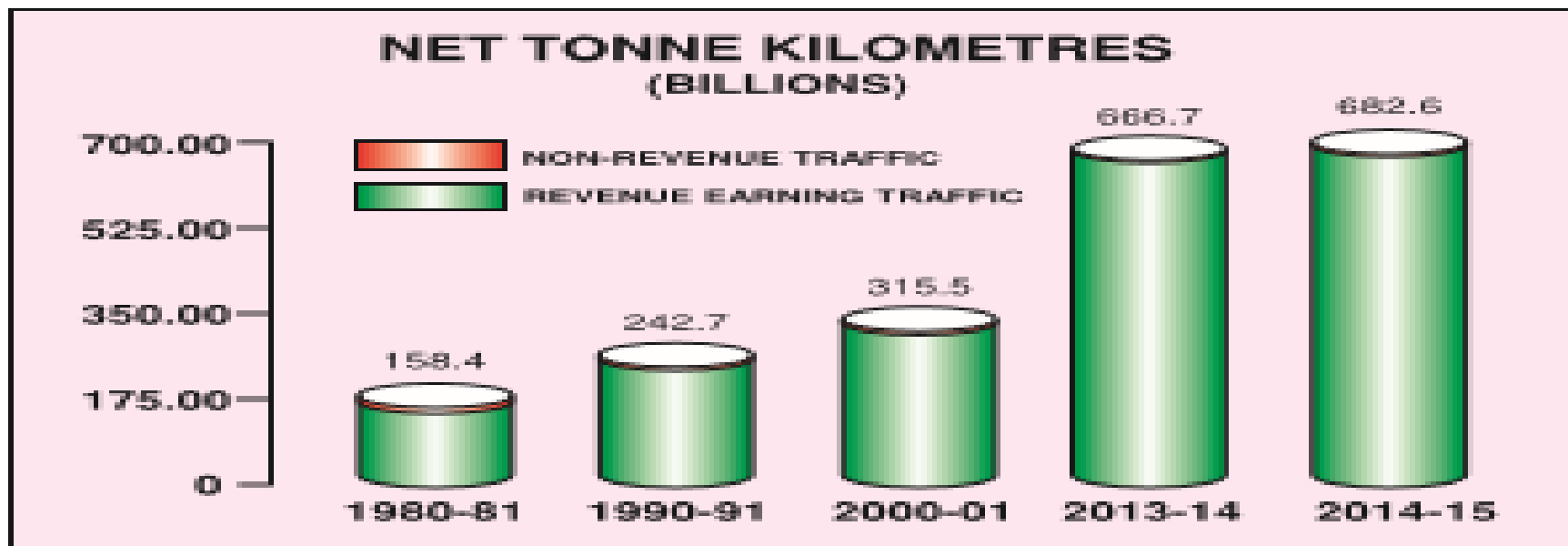
This unit is a measure of the revenue earning work done by wagons and reflects both mobility and loading

Factors responsible

- Any of the causes which effect figure of wagon kms./ wagon day
- Decrease in the proportion of loaded to total wagon kms.

Net Tonne Kms.

Year	Net Tonne Kms. (Millions)	
	Revenue-earning traffic	Total traffic
1980-81	147,652	158,474
1990-91	235,785	242,699
2000-01	312,371	315,516
2010-11	625,723	626,473
2013-14	665,810	666,728
2014-15	681,696	682,612



Commodity-Wise NTKMs.

COMMODITY-WISE NTKms. (Billions)

Bulk Commodities	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Coal	281.79	276.18	271.92	301.52
Iron Ores	40.30	38.04	37.22	36.74
Cement	62.04	60.78	60.50	59.08
Mineral Oils	26.10	28.08	29.74	27.22
Foodgrains	57.93	63.82	70.54	66.98
Fertilisers	43.81	39.04	34.50	38.75
Iron & Steel	33.92	33.56	34.95	37.38
Limestone & Dolomite	11.76	11.76	12.20	12.96
Stones other than marble (incl.gypsum)	6.37	5.80	5.79	7.89
Total	564.02	557.06	557.36	588.53
Commodities other than above	103.59	92.59	108.45	93.17
Grand Total	667.61	649.65	665.81	681.70

Wagon Turn Round

This figure expresses the average period between two successive loading of a wagon



Wagon Turn Round = No. of effective wagon holding/ Loaded wagons + loaded receipts

Locomotive Performance

Engine kms./day/engine in use

This figure is compiled separately for passenger, mixed and goods train services; as also for all service combined

Factors

- Average run of trains
- Average speed of trains
- Engine links
- The location of engine shed with respects to stations which they serve

Engine kms./day/engine in use =
Engine kms./ Engine days in use

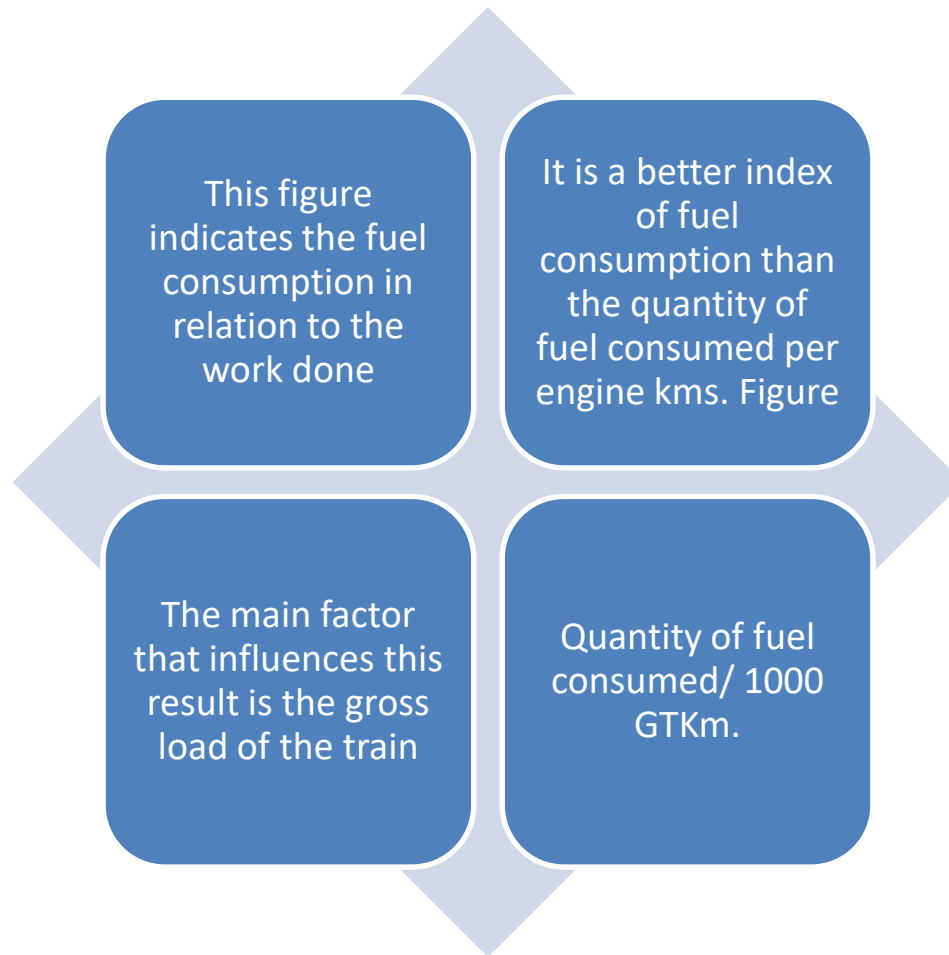
Quantity of fuel consumed/Engine kms.

This figure indicates the fuel consumption in relation to engine kms. Only

It does not reflect the tonnes hauled.

Quantity of fuel consumed/ Engine kms. by service=Quantity of fuel consumed Engine kms./Engine Kms.

Quantity of fuel consumed/1000 GTKm.



Shunting Engine Kms./100 Train Kms.



No. of wagons dealt with/shunting engine hr.

The number of wagons that a given yard can deal with per shunting hour depends, inter-alia, on its layout

Accordingly a target figure has been prescribed for each yard to enable the efficiency of yard work to be gauged

As shunting involves cost, the higher this result, greater the efficiency of the yard

No. of wagons dealt with/shunting engine hr.=No. of wagons dealt with/
Shunting engine hrs

COMMODITY-WISE REVENUE EARNINGS
(₹ in millions)

Bulk Commodities	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Coal	281,790	358,944	391,444	479,385
Iron Ores	74,111	74,441	76,887	78,929
Cement	64,098	80,012	85,074	87,382
Mineral Oils	36,264	47,179	53,440	55,157
Foodgrains	49,119	69,852	79,975	81,383
Fertilisers	37,725	42,525	41,252	51,521
Iron & Steel	39,258	48,458	55,969	65,444
Limestone & Dolomite	13,196	16,812	18,601	21,781
Stones other than marble (incl.gypsum)	7,409	8,828	8,499	12,172
Total	602,970	747,051	811,141	933,144
Commodities other than above	74,466	87,737	104,568	97,858
Grand Total	677,436	834,788	915,709	1,031,002

Commodity-wise Loading

	(Millions)			
Bulk Commodities	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Coal	455.81	496.42	508.06	545.81
Iron Ores	104.70	111.41	124.27	112.77
Cement	107.66	105.87	109.80	109.80
Mineral Oils	39.77	40.61	41.16	41.09
Foodgrains	46.40	49.03	55.10	55.47
Fertilisers	52.69	46.21	44.70	47.41
Iron & Steel	35.15	35.31	38.95	42.84
Limestone & Dolomite	17.66	19.64	20.71	21.20
Stones other than marble (incl. gypsum)	12.96	11.77	11.61	14.98
Total	872.80	916.27	954.36	991.37
Commodities other than above	96.25	91.82	97.28	103.89
Grand Total	969.05	1,008.09	1,051.64	1095.26

Originating Tonnage

Year	Revenue-earning traffic*	Originating tonnage (Million tonnes)	Total traffic
1980-81	195.9		220.0
1990-91	318.4		341.4
2000-01	473.5		504.2
2010-11	921.73		926.43
2013-14	1,051.64		1,058.81
2014-15	1,095.26		1,101.09

* Excludes loading of Konkan Railway.



Asset Utilisation

	1980-81	1990-91	2000-01	2013-14	2014-15
Wagon kms. per wagon per day (+)	73.4	110.5	179.0	264.6	265.9
Net tonne kms. (millions) per route km.	4.34	6.30	6.96	11.45	11.60
NTKms. per wagon per day (+)	986	1,407	2,042	8547*	8,642
Passenger kms. (millions) per route km.	5.15	7.12	9.49	19.31*	19.24
NTKms. per engine hour	6,295	10,393	12,850	18,804*	18,586

(+) From 2009-10 onward figures in terms of 3-wheelers

* revised
20-03-2017

Engine Kilometres Per Day Per Engine In Use

GOODS

Year	Broad Gauge			Metre Gauge		
	Steam	Diesel	Electric	Steam	Diesel	Electric
1980-81	89	303	274	107	276	206
1990-91	52	445	398	88	399	224
2000-01	—	398	450	18	345	203
2010-11	—	384	478	—	102	—
2013-14	—	429	473	—	129	—
2014-15	—	383	405	—	370	—

* revised

PASSENGER

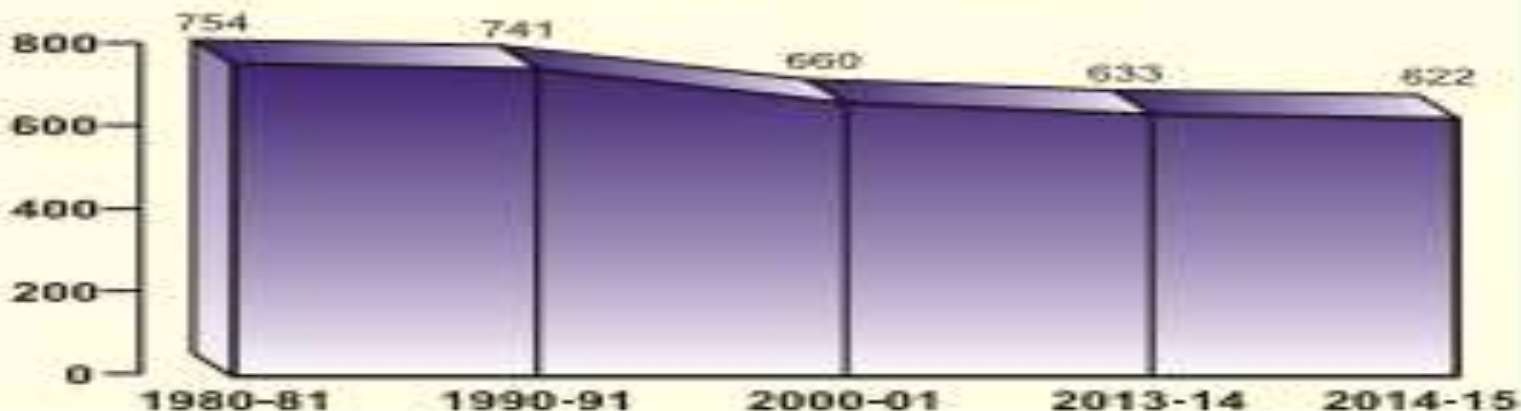
Year	Broad Gauge			Metre Gauge		
	Steam	Diesel	Electric	Steam	Diesel	Electric
1980-81	210	610	453	199	541	405
1990-91	189	673	482	185	569	382
2000-01	—	577	542	36	447	385
2010-11	—	594	671	34	390	—
2013-14	—	615*	697	30*	377	—
2014-15	—	614	713	29	361	—

*revised

Average Lead

Year	Average lead of revenue-earning freight traffic (Kms.)	Index (1980-81=100)
1980-81	754	100.0
1990-91	741	98.3
2000-01	660	87.5
2010-11	679	90.1
2013-14	633	84.0
2014-15	622	82.5

AVERAGE LEAD OF REVENUE EARNING FREIGHT TRAFFIC (KMS.)



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Thank You

Key Statistics – IR

2014-15

- **Total No. of Station: –** 7,137
- **Total Route Kms: –** 66,030
- **Electric: –** 22,224, **Diesel, 43,806**

Key Statistics – IR

2014-15

- **Total No. of Coaches: –** 61,558
- **Total No. Wagons: –** 2,54,006
- **Total Engines: -** 10,730
- **Electric: –** 5,016
- **Diesel: -** 5,714

Key Statistics – IR

2014-15

- **Total Man Power:** - 1,326 (in Thousand)
- **Total Revenue:** - 1,61,017.25 (Rs. In Cr)
- **Passengers originating:** - 8,224 (in Million)
- **Passenger kms.:** - 1,147,190 (in Million)

Key Statistics – IR

2014-15

- **Total Expense: -** **1,44,178.76** (in Crore Rs.)
- Wage bill of regular employees : **84,748.01** (in Crore Rs.)

Key Statistics – IR

2014-15

- **Passenger Statistics: -**
- Passenger Train kms.: -759.3 (in million)
- Vehicle kms.: - 24,802 (in million)
- **Freight Statistics: -**
- Freight Train kms.: - 401.9 (in million)
- Wagon kms.: - 18,930 (in million)

Key Statistics – IR

- Maximum Speed: -
- Passenger – 160 KMPH
- Freight - 100 KMPH
- Average Speed: -
 - Superfast – 55 KMPH
 - Mail/Exp. – 52 KMPH
 - Passenger – 40 KMPH
 - Goods – 25 KMPH

Goods Train Operation (2014-15)

- Total originating goods earnings:
-Rs. 1,03,100.15 Crores
- Revenue Earning Traffic : 1,095.26 (MMT)
- No. of trains per day – 7421
- No. of wagons loaded per day – 48259
- NTKM – 681,696 (in Million)
- Wagon Turn Round – 5.6
- Lead Average – 622 Km

Commodity Wise Loading (2014-15)

Sr.No.	Commodity	Loading in MMT
1	Coal	545.81
2	Iron Ore	112.77
3	Cement	109.80
4	Food grain	55.47
5	Fertilizer	47.41
6	POL	41.09
7	Iron & Steel	42.84
8	Others	140.07
TOTAL		1095.26

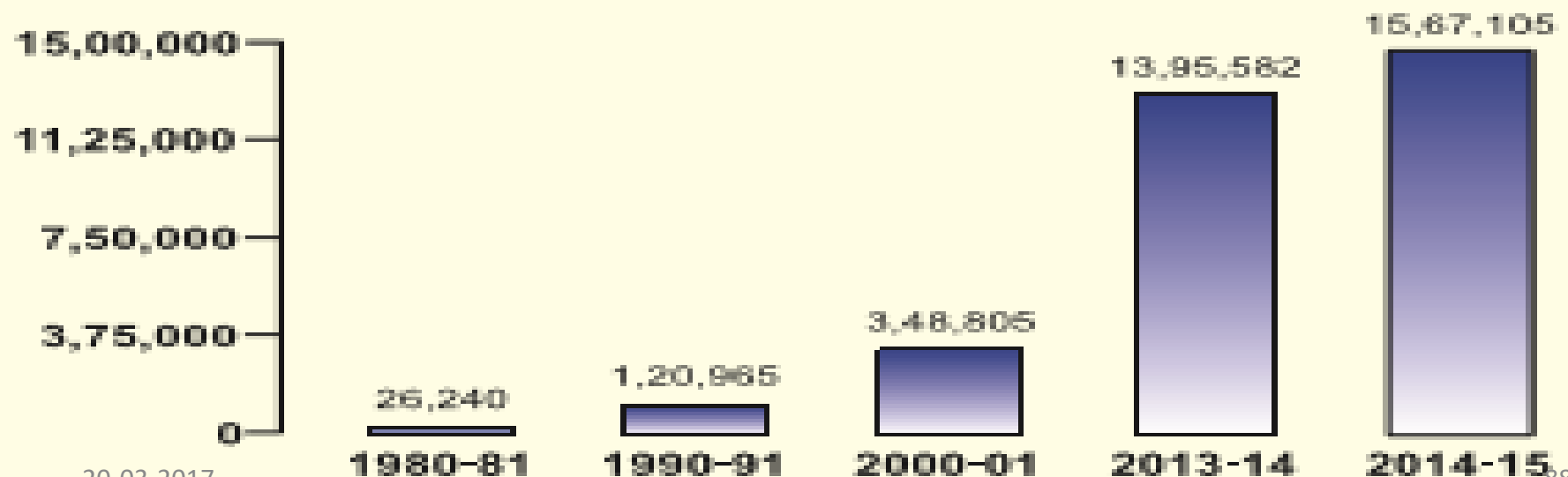
COMMODITY-WISE ORIGINATING TONNAGE (Millions)

Bulk Commodities	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Coal	455.81	496.42	508.06	545.81
Iron Ores	104.70	111.41	124.27	112.77
Cement	107.66	105.87	109.80	109.80
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REVENUE (₹ in millions)

Year	Passenger	Parcels and other Coaching	Freight	Misc.	Suspense (Bills Receivable)	Gross Traffic Receipts
1980-81	8,274.7	1,157.1	16,175.2	820.8	(-)187.6	26,240.2
1990-91	31,475.0	3,363.8	84,078.7	2,417.6	(-)370.2	120,964.9
2000-01	105,150.7	7,641.6	233,051.0	7,032.5	(-)4,071.0	348,804.8
2010-11	257,056.4	24,698	628,447.2	34,182.7	(+)101.7	945,356.3
2013-14	365,322.5	36,785.2	939,056.3	57,212.9	(-) 2,795.3	1,395,581.8
2014-15	421,896.1	39,978.9	1,057,913.4	50,927.4	(-) 3,610.4	1,567,105.4

TOTAL EARNINGS (FROM ALL SOURCES) (₹ IN MILLIONS)

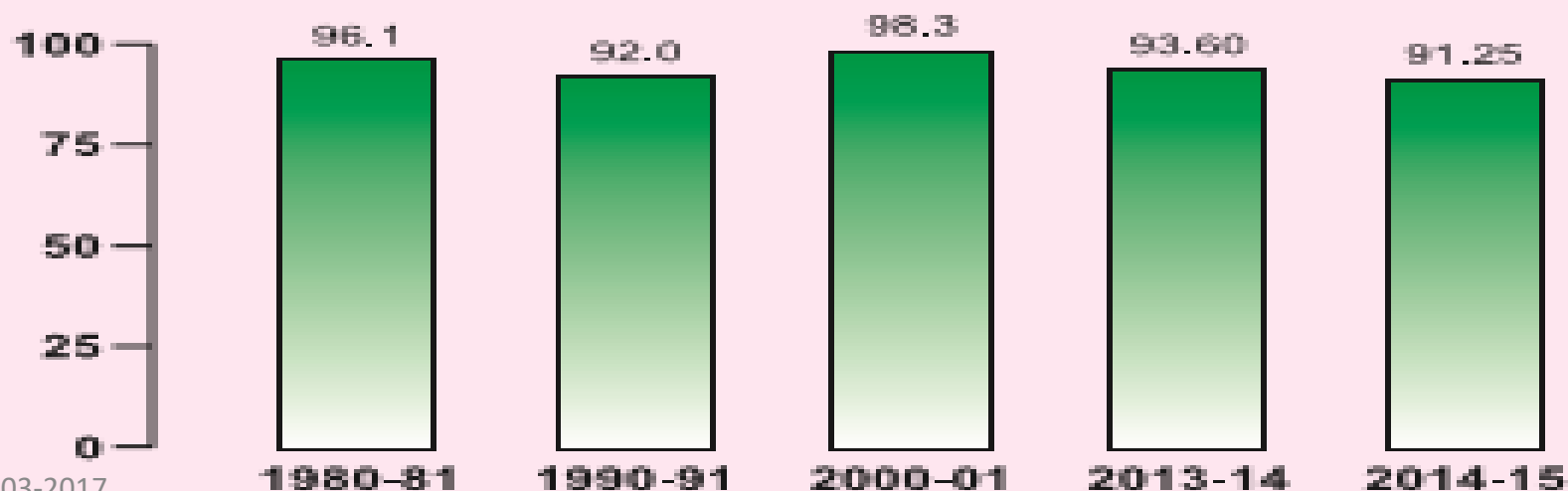


EXPENSES

(₹ in millions)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Genl. Superintendence	46,104.8	51,722.3	55,854.3	60,225.6
Repairs & Maintenance	237,500.6	257,999.7	289,594.3	317,625.5
Operating Expenses	384,402.0	446,134.6	540,234.7	574,451.5
Staff welfare	42,332.9	45,753.6	52,420.8	59,609.1
Misc. Wkg. Exp.	36,263.0	40,232.2	43,246.3	51,399.4
Suspense	(-)1,229.2	(-)1,684.2	-2795.2	(-)3,610.4
Total Ordry. Wkg. Exp.	745,374.1	840,120.4	975,707.6	1,059,958.8
Contribution to Funds	2,41,300.0	275,600.0	327,500.0	370,000.0
Total Working Exp.	986,674.1	1,115,720.4	1,303,207.1	1,429,958.8
Other Misc. Exp.	7,962.7	9,932.0	11,440.9	11,828.8
Gross Wkg. Exp.	994,636.8	1,125,652.4	1,314,648.0	1,441,787.6

OPERATING RATIO (PERCENT)



OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF IR - CUMULATIVE (Up to September -16)

	TARGET (R.E)	CURRENT YEAR (P)	LAST YEAR ACTUAL	+/- VARIATION		% VARIATION	
	2016-17	2016-17(P)	2015-16	Target (BE)	Last Year	Target (BE)	Last Year
1 Goods							
(i) Tonnage (Millions Tonnes)	566.54	531.23	539.62	-35.31	-8.39	-6.23	-1.55
(ii) Freight Earnings (Rs. Cr.)	56159.82	47974.03	52771.83	-8185.79	-4797.80	-14.58	-9.09
2 Passenger/ Coaches							
(i) No of Passengers (Millions)	4123.80	4122.68	4111.23	-1.12	11.45	-0.03	0.28
(ii) Passenger Earnings (Rs. Cr.)	25717.13	23345.05	22480.02	-2372.08	865.03	-9.22	3.85
3 Other Coaching							
(i) Parcel & Luggage Earnings(Rs. in Cr.)		847.62	799.22		48.40		6.06
(ii) Other Coaching (Rs. in Cr..)	3007.41	2183.18	2067.41	-824.23	115.77	-27.41	5.60
4 Sundry							
Earnings (Rs in Cr.)	3758.63	2764.65	2156.16	-993.98	608.49	-26.45	28.22
5 Grand Total of Gross Receipt	88642.99	76266.91	79475.42	-12376.08	-3208.51	-13.96	-4.04
6 Working Expenses(Rs. Cr.)	66423.78	67936.48	59446.29	1512.70	8490.19	2.28	14.28

- **Passengers carried** – refers to the number of passengers originating on each railway as well as the number of passengers received from other railways and also those crossing the railway
- **Passenger kilometre** – Unit of measure of passenger traffic corresponding to the conveyance of a passenger over a distance of one kilometre

- **Tonnes originating** – This includes tones of all traffic originating on each gauge, whether it terminates on the gauge itself or on some other gauge of the home line, or on other railways

- **Gross tonne kilometre (excluding weight of engine)** – Unit of measure of work which corresponds to the movement over a distance of one kilometre of one tonne of vehicle/wagon and contents excluding the weight of the motive unit
- **Gross tonne kilometer (including weight of engine)** – Unit of measure of work which corresponds to the movement, over a distance of one kilometre of one tonne, including the weight of the motive unit vehicle and contents

- **Net tonne kilometer** – Unit of measure of goods traffic which represents the transport of one tonne of goods (including the weight of any packing, but excluding the weight of the vehicle used for transport) over a distance of one kilometre

- **Turn round of a wagon** – Interval of time between two successive loadings of a wagon.

- **Operating ratio** – The ratio of working expenses (excluding suspense but including Appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund) to gross earnings

- **Engine kilometer** – An engine kilometer is the movement of an engine, under its own power, over a distance of 1 kilometre