



# Parcel Business in Railways

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Earnings from parcel traffic during last five years is as under: -

Year	Parcel Earnings (` In crore)	% variation
2012-13	1593.53	—
2013-14	1779.82	11.69%
2014-15	1960.12	10.13%
2015-16	2021.10	3.11%
2016-17	1911.42	-5.43%

Parcel traffic depends on market and economic conditions year on year. However, in order to attract more parcel traffic, following initiatives have been taken -

- Emphasis is being laid to lease out more parcel space. For this purpose, the policy has been liberalized delegating more powers to Zonal Railways, increase in contractual period from 5 to 6 years etc.

Permission has been given to Zonal Railways to attach 25th coach as Parcel Vans in mail/express trains.

Permission has been given to attach Parcel Vans in Suvidha Express trains.

The carrying capacity of parcel space of Luggage cum Disabled Passenger Van (SLRD) has been increased from 4 tonnes to 5 tonnes.

Meetings are being organized regularly at zonal as well as at divisional level with the rail customers

This Press Release is based on the information given by the Minister of State for Railways Shri Rajen Gohain in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha on 20.12.2017 (Wednesday).

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