

Glossary

ACCOUNTS

Capital-at-Charge :	Book value of the capital assets of Railways.
Gross Earnings :	The true earnings in an accounting period whether actually realized or not.
Gross Receipts :	Earnings actually realized in an accounting period.
Net Revenue :	Gross traffic receipts minus total working expenses.
Operating Ratio :	Ratio of working expenses to gross earnings.
Suspense :	Unrealised earnings, liabilities not discharged in an accounting period.
Working Expenses :	Expenditure on administration, operation, maintenance & repairs, contribution to Depreciation Reserve Fund and Pension Fund.

STATISTICAL

Density :	The volume of traffic moving between any two points on the Railway expressed in terms of passenger kilometres or net tonne kilometres per route kilometre/running track kilometre or train kilometres per running track kilometre.
Engine Kilometre :	Movement of an engine under its own power over the length of one kilometre.
Gross Tonne Kilometre:	Gross tonnage comprising payload and tare weight hauled by a train.
Lead :	Average haul of a passenger or a tonne of freight.

Loaded Wagon Kilometre:	Movement of a wagon loaded with goods over one kilometre.
Net Load or Net Tonnage:	Payload of passengers, luggage or goods carried by a vehicle or a train.
Net Tonne Kilometre:	Payload of one tonne carried over one kilometre.
Non-Revenue Traffic:	Traffic conveyed free for working the Railways.
Passenger Kilometre :	A passenger transported over one kilometre.
Revenue Earning Traffic:	Traffic which is paid for by the consignor or the consignee.
Route Kilometre :	The distance between two points on the Railway irrespective of the number of lines connecting them, whether single line, double line etc.
Running Track Kilometre :	The length of all running tracks excluding tracks in sidings, yards and crossings.
Smalls :	Goods consignments whose weight and dimensions do not require the exclusive use of a wagon.
Track Kilometre :	The length of all running tracks and tracks including tracks in sidings, yards and crossings.
Train Kilometre :	Movement of a train over one kilometre.
Vehicle/Wagon Kilometre:	Movement of a vehicle/wagon over one kilometre.
Wagon Turn-Round :	Interval of time between two successive loadings of a wagon.

TRAFFIC

Freight Forwarder :	The scheme of collection of “smalls” as well as piecemeal wagon-load consignments from the premises of individual
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traders by an external agency that consolidates and offers them as wagon-load/train-load traffic for carriage by rail.

OTHERS

Number of Staff :	All employees paid directly by the Railway administration.
Stores :	Materials or parts either purchased by the Railway or manufactured in Railway workshops for working the railways.
Tractive Effort :	Load-hauling capability of a locomotive expressed in terms of the tractive force exerted by the locomotive at wheel.