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Title: Request to Railway Minister to take back the price hike of Metro tickets in Kolkata.

**SHRIMATI MALA ROY (KOLKATA DAKSHIN):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation governed by the Railway board has increased the fare prices by Rs. 5 for all stages except the first two-kilometre journey, thereby causing financial burden on 6.5 lakh passengers on daily basis, particularly lakhs of common people who come from low income groups, students, unemployed youth and retired senior citizens. Why did the Railway Board burden the common people with fare hike? Why did the Railway Board not take into consideration other options to increase revenue, like setting up retail outlets, pharmacies, installation of ATMs etc. What measures has the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation taken to improve the poorly maintained Metro and frequent disruptions, accidents and disasters including the unprecedented one on 31<sup>st</sup> August when 50 buildings in Bowbazar area were found having cracks and around 400 persons evacuated? Ms. Mamata Banerjee was the Railway Minister for a long time but she never increased the fare. I request the Railway minister to consider taking back the price hike of Metro tickets.