

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6697  
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DECLINE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether passenger traffic in the season ticket segments in the suburban and non-suburban areas is declining;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the specific measures being taken to increase the passenger traffic on these segment;
- (d) whether this would lead to increase in the expenditure of the Ministry; and
- (e) if so, to what extent?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) There was decline in the season ticket segment due to a major reduction in the sale of low value monthly season tickets priced at Rs. 15/-.
- (c) In order to increase the passenger traffic in the season ticket segment, the fares in this segment have not been increased in the financial year 2003-04.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.