

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REVISION IN FARE STRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism to fix the passenger fares and freight rates in the Railways;
- (b) whether diesel prices have been slashed recently;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to effect corresponding changes in the fare structures of Railways;
- (d) whether the Railways hikes fares every time when diesel prices are increased; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to cut down the fares with the slashing of diesel prices?

Answer

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

- (a) The passenger fares and freight rates are adjusted from time to time to generate internal resources to meet the rising costs of inputs and the developmental needs of the Railways.
- (b) to (e) The prices of High Speed Diesel, which were increasing in the past, have recently shown a downward trend. No increase in the fares and freight rates was proposed during the year 2003-04 despite increase in the diesel prices. At present, there is no proposal to reduce the passenger fares due to reduction in diesel prices.