

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPERFAST CHARGES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the passenger travelling in superfast express trains running across the country and on the inter-state routes are charged ten rupees more as superfast charge;
- (b) whether the Railways are aware that passengers travelling in short distance trains and those running within a state are also charged said superfast charge;
- (c) if so, whether the Railways are aware of such excess fare being charged from the passengers of Sewagram Express running in Maharashtra resulting in immense resentment among the passengers;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) and (b): The rate of superfast surcharge for travel by superfast trains is ranging from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 50/-, depending on the class of travel. For second class, the superfast surcharge is Rs. 8/- per passenger. This surcharge is not related to distance of travel or State boundaries.
- (c) and (d): Certain trains whose average speed on the entire run in both directions is minimum 55 kmph on broad gauge and 45 kmph on metre gauge are designated as superfast and a nominal surcharge is levied for travel by such trains. The surcharge is levied for travel by Sewagram Express also as it has qualified the above mentioned minimum speed criteria.
- (e): The surcharge on second class tickets has already been reduced from Rs. 10/- to Rs. 8/-. For monthly second class season tickets, the rate of monthly superfast surcharge is only Rs. 150/- instead of Rs. 600/-. There is no superfast surcharge for season ticket holders who travel by the superfast trains which have a total journey distance of less than 325 kms.