

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SUPER FAST CHARGE ON TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have accorded the status of super fast to some of the trains;
- (b) if so, whether the passengers travelling in these super fast trains are being charged super fast charge in fare;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways are aware that these super fast trains despite starting their journey at right time reach their destinations late by a minimum of one hour to a maximum of eight hours;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Railways intend to return the super fast charge being charged from the passengers in case these super fast trains reach their destinations late by half an hour or more; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Yes, Sir.

(c) : The superfast surcharge is Rs. 8/- for second class, Rs. 20/- for sleeper class, Rs. 30/- for A.C. Chair Car/first class/ A.C. 3-tier/A.C. 2-tier, Rs. 50/- for A.C. first class, Rs. 150/- for second class monthly season tickets, Rs. 450/- for second class quarterly season tickets, Rs. 450/- for first class monthly season tickets and Rs. 1350/- for first class quarterly season tickets. Superfast surcharge is, however, not levied on season ticket holders travelling by those superfast trains whose total journey is less than 325 kms.

(d) and (e): Trains on Indian Railways, including superfast trains, at times lose punctuality due to various factors such as miscreant activities, natural calamities like cyclonic storms, flood, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle runover and electricity grid failures etc.However, the overall punctuality of trains including superfast on Indian Railways is quite satisfactory.

(f) : No, Sir.

(g) : Some trains reach their destinations late for various reasons. Therefore, refund of any part of fare, including superfast surcharge, is not granted in such cases.