

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:211
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2010
CRITERIA FOR SUPERFAST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down for assigning the status of 'superfast train' to trains;
- (b) whether the said criteria was reviewed in the recent past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of trains upgraded to the status of superfast trains from the general mail/express category during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the surcharge being charged for superfast trains as against the tickets for the mail/express category trains; and
- (e) the year-wise details of increase in the income of the railways as a result of such upgradation during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 BY DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.03.2010 REGARDING CRITERIA FOR SUPERFAST TRAINS

(a): Trains whose average speed on the entire run in both UP & DN direction is minimum 55 kmph on the Broad Gauge and minimum 45 kmph on the Metre Gauge are designated as superfast trains.

(b) The criteria for declaring a train as Superfast was established in 1993 and has not been changed since then. However, the Tatkal Scheme and charging of passengers in that scheme has been reviewed and reduced.

(c): The year-wise details of trains upgraded to superfast category during the last 3 years and the current year are as under:-

Year	Number of trains upgraded to superfast category (in pairs)
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01-04-2006 to 31-03-2007	87
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01-04-2007 to 31-03-2008	2
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01-04-2008 to 31-03-2009	3
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01-04-2009 to 31-01-2010	1
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Total	93
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(d): The additional class-wise surcharge levied per journey for travel by all superfast trains is as under :

Class	Surcharge per passenger
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Second Rs. 8

Sleeper Rs. 20

AC Chair Car, Rs. 30
First, AC 3-
tier and AC
2-tier

AC First Rs. 50

For first and second class season ticket holders, charges for monthly and quarterly superfast surcharge ticket are equivalent to superfast surcharge for 15 and 45 single journeys in the concerned class respectively.

(e): The year-wise details of superfast surcharge collected in reserved classes from all superfast trains, during the last 3 years and the current year are as under:-

Year Superfast Surcharge (Rs. in crores)

01-04-2006 to 31-03-2007 47.30

01-04-2007 to 31-03-2008 71.49

01-04-2008 to 31-03-2009 81.78

01-04-2009 to 31-01-2010 78.36