

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LICENCE FEE FOR BOOK STALLS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have increased the licence fee which is recovered from book stalls at railway stations;
- (b) if so, whether due to increase in licence fee, the unemployed graduate book stall holders are compelled to abandon the stalls as they are unable to carry the burden of licence fee; and
- (c) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Railways to protect these book-stall holders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): The Licence fee of bookstall licensees has been increased from 5% to 12%, with effect from 25-07-2006 except the bookstalls run by philanthropic and social organization, which still remains at 2.5%.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.