

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LICENCE FEE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway authorities have received complaints from licensees vendors regarding unprecedented rise of license fee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has since reduced the licence fee;
- (d) if, so whether this reduction was effected only on small stalls license holders and not for trolley holders;
- (e) if so, the reasons for not including the small trolley holders for license fee reduction; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to protect the interests of small trolley holders?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The license fee of the minor units (stalls/trolleys) was enhanced by IRCTC after it had recalculated the same based on various parameters such as location/size of the units, state GDP, purchasing power, ground rent, etc. As a result, in some states the quantum of License fee payable rose substantially.

(c): Yes, Madam. In certain instances IRCTC granted 25% relaxation on the revised licence fee where the licence fee was raised more than 300% of the licence fee before the revision.

(d): The minimum license fee for trolleys and khomchas for existing licencees has been fixed 40% less than that calculated for stalls.

(e): Relaxation in license fee for trolleys was not considered by IRCTC as it was believed that the same had to be progressively reduced with a view to decongest the platform.

(f): This Ministry has issued a new Policy - Catering Policy 2010 which has specifically addressed the above issues by providing for the fixation of licence fee based upon fair, just and rational parameters.