

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CLASSIFICATION AS SUPERFAST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind classifying such trains which are running at the speed of less than 55 km/hr. as super fast train;
- (b) whether any qualitative changes have been visible in such trains since the classification of such trains as super fast trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith any possible scope for the review of such system;
- (d) whether there is any rationale in levying return journey surcharge for journey originating from a station other than the one from where the ticket has been issued; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): Those trains whose average speed on the entire run in both Up & Dn directions is minimum 55 kmph on Broad Gauge, and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge, are designated as superfast since they provide faster transit.
- (d) & (e): To recover the additional expenditure involved in maintenance and continuous upgradation of a network system, reservation fee for the tickets booked for journeys originating from other than the ticket booking station are enhanced by
- (i) Rs. 10/- in second and sleeper and Rs. 15/- in other classes of Passenger, Mail and Express trains,
 - (ii) Rs. 20/- in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains and
 - (iii) Rs. 15/- in Second class and Rs. 20/- in AC Chair Car of Jan Shatabdi Express trains.