

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4038  
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SERVICE TAX ON RAILWAYS  
Saha Shri Anup Kumar

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has exempted service tax from passenger fares and freight charges in Railways; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): Sir, Yes.

(b): Based on the request of the Minister for Railways, taking into consideration their overall economic situation, Government has exempted service tax on passenger fares and freight charges in Railways, upto September 30, 2012.