

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:85
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2012
RATIONALISATION OF FARE AND FREIGHT STRUCTURES
Pandey Shri Ravindra Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways keep in mind the socio-economic conditions prevailing in the country while fixing fares;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have conducted any exercise to rationalise the fare and the freight structure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.85 BY SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2012 REGARDING RATIONALISATION OF FARE AND FREIGHT STRUCTURES.

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. It is on account of socio-economic considerations that Railways fares are structured in different classes to serve different economic strata. In addition, number of concessions are being extended to more than 50 categories of rail travelers.
- (c) & (d) The evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalization of the fare and freight structures is an ongoing process.