

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:123

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013

RAIL FARE FREIGHT HIKE

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

- (a) the details of the recent rail fare/freight hike in the country and the reasons therefor, class-wise;
- (b) whether the fares of Monthly Season Ticket (MST) and suburban trains have also been increased and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to review the aforesaid fare hike;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to generate revenue from other resources with a view to bring comprehensive improvement in rail services and facilities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 123 BY SHRIMATI ASHWAMEDH DEVI, SHRI UDAY SINGH, SHRI YASHVIR SINGH, SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR, SHRIMATI MEENA SINGH, SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY, SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY, SHRI ARVIND KUMAR CHAUDHARY, DR. P. VENUGOPAL, SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR, SHRIMATI SUSMITA BAURI AND SHRIMATI PUTUL KUMARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.12.2013 REGARDING RAIL FARE/FREIGHT HIKE.

(a) The details of recent Rail fare and Freight increase related to Fuel Adjustment Component

(FAC) are as under:

i) Passenger Fares for Second Class Ordinary (Non-Suburban) are up by a maximum of ₹ 5/- in select distance slabs, while in the other distance slabs there was no change in existing fares. In all other classes, the revised fares are only about 2% higher than the existing fare.

ii) An across-the-board increase of about 1.7% in freight rates of all commodities.

(a) There is no increase in either Second Class Monthly Season Ticket (MST) fares or Second Class Ordinary (Suburban) fares.

(c) & (d): Evaluation of various alternatives relating to rationalization of the passenger fare structures is an on-going process. Presently, there is no proposal for reviewing the fare structure.

(e) Steps taken/being taken to further supplement resource generation efforts with a view to augment and maintain rail services include rationalisation of the freight tariff structure. Instructions stand issued to zonal railways to generate revenue through leasing out spaces for commercial publicity in the railway premises, trains, etc. Moreover, parking for vehicles in the railway premises is also outsourced. In order to augment Railway revenues through non-tariff measures, Railways plan to utilize its vacant land not required by railway for its immediate future operational needs, for commercial development, wherever feasible, for the interim period, through Railway Land Development Authority (RLDA), a Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways. In addition, as per the announcement made in the Railway Budget 2013-14, a dedicated organization viz. Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. (IRSDC) has been set up to undertake redevelopment of stations into world class stations by leveraging the real estate potential of land and air space at/around the stations.