GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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DYNAMIC FARE PRICING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to introduce dynamic fare pricing system on the pattern of airlines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the modalities worked out/being worked out for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Railways have assessed the impact of dynamic fare system on economically weak sections of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, there is no proposal for charging of dynamic fares on regular trains. However, a fully air conditioned premium special train with catering facility was operated between New Delhi and Mumbai Central with premium pricing from 24.12.2013 to 06.01.2014.

This special train was operated on end-to-end basis with no commercial stoppages enroute. The booking of tickets was only through the internet and no waiting list was permitted. The successful operation of the above special train was widely appreciated.

(c) & (d): The fare system of the existing trains operated on a regular basis has not been changed. Therefore, there is no impact on the passengers travelling by the regular trains.