

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2590  
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2014  
FUEL ADJUSTMENT COMPONENT IN FARE  
Bhagat Shri Sudarshan

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

- (a) whether the Railways have not added the fuel adjustment component in fare on suburban passengers travelling on local trains up to 150 kms on daily tickets/monthly seasons's tickets and whether such revision has been dropped in mail and express trains upto 35 kms;
- (b) whether sudden drop in passengers has occurred in non-reserved suburban passengers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to check shortfall in passengers traffic;
- (d) whether despite drop in passengers, railways have achieved 8.8 percent growth in freight earnings and 18 percent growth in passenger earnings over the corresponding period of the previous year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**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.2590 BY SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2014 REGARDING FUEL ADJUSTMENT COMPONENT IN FARE.

(a) Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC) linked Passenger fares revision for all classes including suburban/non-suburban Season Tickets has been implemented from 07.10.2013.

(b) The total number of passengers booked in suburban sector during the period from April 2013 to December 2013 is 3415.79 million, which is 2.05% more than 3347.13 million passengers booked during the corresponding period of last year.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise. However, Railways have taken a number of measures to attract passengers including suburban passengers and to boost the sale of tickets like facilitation of availability of tickets by appointment of Jansadharan Ticket Booking Sewaks (JTBS), proliferation of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMSs), intensifying ticket checking drives to check ticketless travel, augmentation of train services, running of special trains to clear rush, etc.

(d) & (e) The number of passengers booked by Indian Railways during April'2013 to December'2013 is 6359.77 million which is 0.84% less than the corresponding period of last year. However, the Railway has achieved 9.23% growth in freight earnings and 18.80% growth in passenger earnings during April'2013 to December'2013 over the corresponding period of last year.

The comparative position of passenger booked and freight and passenger earnings are as under:

Particulars	April'2013 to December'2013	April'2012 to December'2012	Growth
No. of passenger booked (in million)	6359.77	6413.89	-54.12
Freight earnings (in crores of )	66878.56	61227.92	5650.64
Passenger earnings (in crores of )	26845.76	22598.01	4247.75