GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1159 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014 TATKAL TICKETS Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have introduced dynamic pricing system for railway tickets under Tatkal Quota;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(c) the extent to which such a move is likely to help in improving the earnings of the Railways;

(d) the response received by the Railways from the passengers in this regard so far; and

(e) whether the Railways propose to extend the scheme further and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): In order to improve the earnings, w.e.f. 01.10.2014, in some of the selected trains by Zonal Railways which are most in demand, 50% of the existing accommodation under Tatkal Quota has been earmarked as Premium Tatkal Quota and is being booked on dynamic pricing.

This is a distance-slab based fare scheme where the fare increases by 20% after each slab of 10% berths are sold subject to the existing cap (maximum fare chargeable) on dynamic fare.

(c) & (d): Additional earnings due to premium tatkal quota over and above Tatkal quota is `13.40 Crores upto 15.11.2014.

(e): Upto 15.11.2014, 50% of the tatkal quota has been earmarked as premium Tatkal Quota in 142 trains and is being booked on dynamic pricing. Review of newly introduced schemes on the basis of feedback received is a continuous and ongoing process.