

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2340
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2014
HIKE IN FARE FREIGHT CHARGES
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times, passenger fare/freight charge hiked due to increase in prices of petrol/diesel during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Railways propose any policy to de-regulate rail passenger fare and freight charge as per fluctuation in prices of petrol/diesel;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps likely to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2340 BY SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2014 REGARDING HIKE IN FARE/ FREIGHT CHARGES

(a) Ministry of Railways have introduced Fuel Adjustment Component (FAC)-linked tariff revision since April 2013. Revision in tariff has been carried out three times. The first revision was done in April 2013 wherein freight rates were revised by 5.8 percent. Subsequent revision was done in October 2013 wherein passenger fares were revised by 2 percent and freight rates by 1.7 percent. The last revision was done in June 2014 wherein passenger fares were revised by 4.2 percent and freight rates by 1.4 percent.

(b) to (d) As announced in the Railway Budget 2013-14. Fare and Freight revision linked to fuel cost are being done twice a year, in sync with movement in fuel cost, in either direction.