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Title: Need to revoke the Premium Tatkal Scheme in Indian Railways.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): This is to request the Government to kindly revoke the 'Premium Tatkal Scheme'. Premium Tatkal train tickets are being issued on dynamic fare system in accordance with demands by passengers. The Premium Tatkal Scheme is virtually a sheer exploitation of passengers. For instance, normal ticket fare for a third AC coach of a Kerala-bound train from New Delhi is Rs. 2300. However, Premium Tatkal train fare for the same route and the same coach may surge up to Rs. 9000. This rate is higher than airfare from Delhi to Kerala. This huge difference in ticket fares for passengers travelling in the same coach is injustice. It should be noted that the Railways already have a Tatkal Scheme and now the 50 Percent of Tatkal tickets are diverted for 'Premium Tatkal Scheme'. This puts additional burden on passengers. Therefore, I request the Government to kindly revoke the 'Premium Tatkal Scheme'.