

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

†252. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether for the special trains on festivals and special occasions, the Railways is charging the fare equivalent to tatkal ticket, which is putting extra burden on passengers; and**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which the extra burden is likely to be on the passengers because of it?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 252 BY SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI AND SHRI BHARAT SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2018 REGARDING FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

(a) & (b): The following types of special trains are introduced to clear extra rush during peak demand periods:-

Type of special trains	Fare
(i). Fully unreserved (second class) train	(i). Normal second class Mail/Express fare for unreserved second class
(ii). Special trains with mixed composition/fully reserved.	<p>(ii). (a) Second class (unreserved): Normal second class Mail/Express fare for unreserved second class.</p> <p>(b) Second class (reserved): 10% higher than the normal Mail/Express fare for second class.</p> <p>(c) Other classes: 30% higher than the normal Mail/Express fare of the particular class.</p>
(iii). Suvidha Special	<p>(iii). (a) Unreserved second class: Normal superfast Mail/Express fares.</p> <p>(b) Reserved Class: Minimum fare is Tatkal fare for initial 20% of the berths and thereafter the fare increases for subsequent slabs of 20% of seats/berths booked subject to maximum three times of the Tatkal fare.</p>

From above it may be seen that no increase in fare for second class (unreserved). However for other classes higher fares have been fixed in view of investments for the coaches, empty running of certain

rakes/locos from one location to another, arrangements of spare Guard/loco pilots, special arrangements for stabling/maintenance of the rakes and in certain cases unidirectional demand pattern etc.
