

[Shri Bansi Lal]

36.1 The impact of the increase in freight rates of foodgrains would be about 4.4 paise per Kg. at the average lead of 1232 Kms. Similarly, the impact of the increase in the freight rates of Salt for human consumption would be about 3 paise per Kg. at the average lead of 1520 Kms. Both these increases are considered marginal.

Date of effect

37. The Proposals that I have made will come into effect from 15th April 1985. It is estimated that the additional annual revenue from passenger traffic will be about Rs. 153 crores and from goods traffic about Rs. 342 crores making a total of Rs. 495 crores.

Accident Compensation, Safety and Passenger Amenities Fund

38. In order to meet the growing requirements of expenditure to be met out of the Accident Compensation, safety and Passenger Amenities Fund, referred to by me earlier, I propose to increase the rate of surcharge to be appropriated from the passenger fares to the Fund as follows :

AC Class	Rs. 3.00
2-Tier AC Sleeper	Rs. 2.00
First Class	Rs. 1.50
AC Chair Car	Rs. 0.25
Second Class	Rs. 0.15

Monthly Season Tickets

First Class	Rs. 4.00
Second Class	Rs. 0.75

The rates for the quarterly season tickets will be three times those of the monthly season tickets.

38.1 With the increases as proposed the annual appropriation to the Fund will increase to approximately Rs. 27 crores from the present level of about Rs. 9 crores. I hasten to add here that the

increases in surcharge, as indicated, will not be in addition to the increases in fares proposed earlier but will in fact, be appropriated out of the increased fares already proposed.

39. The progress achieved by the Railways in various directions is, in no small measure, due to the dedicated work put in by thousands of Railwaymen, throughout the country, round the clock, to keep the wheels of this gigantic national undertaking moving. I therefore, consider it a duty and a privilege to place on record my deep appreciation of their performance. Notwithstanding the achievements, I am acutely aware that we have miles to go. Before I conclude, I would like to assure the Honourable Members that we shall not relax or falter but set our sights high and endeavour to soar to newer heights in performance

40. I am grateful to the Members for patient hearing given to me. With these words, Sir, I now commend the budget to the House.

12.50 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (RAILWAYS), 1984-85

[English]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): I beg to present a statement (Hindi and in English versions) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (Railways) for 1984-85.

12.51 hrs.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (GENERAL), 1984-85

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE AND SUPPLY (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): I beg to present a statement (Hindi and English versions) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants in respect of the Budget (General) for 1984-85.