

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

FLEXI FARE SYSTEM

615. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to increase the number of 3 tier coaches in long distance trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is planning to re-consider its flexi fare scheme as, at times, these fares are more than the Air fare in the same sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 615 BY SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING FLEXI FARE SYSTEM

(a) & (b) The demand pattern on Indian Railways is not uniform and it varies during peak and lean season across different sectors and routes. As such, with a view to provide more accommodation to travelling passengers, Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic pattern and availability of resources, augments the load of existing services with all type of coaches including Sleeper Class Coaches and AC-III Tier coaches, which is an on-going process. Accordingly, of the 758 Coaches used for permanent augmentation, during the period April-December, 2019, 224 Sleeper Class Coaches and 220 AC-III tier coaches have been utilized for augmentation of different train services over Indian Railways.

(c) & (d) Based on the feedback from different quarters, a committee was constituted to review the flexi Fare scheme. Further, based on the committee's recommendations and other representations, the matter has already been examined and Flexi fare scheme in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains has been rationalized with effect from 15.11.2018 for journey commencing from 15.03.2019 as under:-

(i) Discontinuation of Flexi fare scheme from 15 trains for full year and from 32 trains during pre defined lean period of 3 months (February, March & August).

(ii) Maximum cap of flexi fare scheme has been reduced to 1.4 times in all flexi fare applicable classes.

(iii) Graded discount has been introduced in flexi fare trains, where class-wise occupancy is less than 60%, 4 days prior to scheduled departure of the train as under:-

Occupancy	Discount
Up to 70%	20% on last fare
70 to 80%	10% on last fare
Above 80%	Nil
