

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442
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BHARAT GAURAV INITIATIVE

442 SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the profit gained by Railways under the initiative, to include private players in Bharat Gaurav initiative since the inception of the scheme, year-wise details;
- (b) whether Government is aware that the fares fixed under Bharat Gaurav initiative are exorbitant and almost double the normal train fare, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to reduce the fare under Bharat Gaurav, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof ?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Ministry of Railways brought out the theme based Bharat Gaurav trains policy on 23.11.2021 which aims to leverage core strengths of the tourism sector thereby tapping the vast tourism potential of India. These trains are run on a standard costing methodology based on haulage charge principles to promote rail based tourism and not on a profit making model.

(b) Under the Bharat Gaurav Trains policy, full flexibility has been given to service providers to decide tariff as they not only offer rail transportation but also facility of en-route accommodation, meals, local road transport, sightseeing etc.

(c) Ministry of Railways have given approximately 33% concession in the charges due to the Railway, for promotion of rail based tourism under Bharat Gaurav Train scheme from 14.11.2022 onwards.

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