

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 466
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

RISE IN PASSENGER TRAIN FARE POST CORONA PERIOD

466 # SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that when the Railways resumed operations after shutting down all its passenger trains during the Corona period, the fare was increased up to 50 per cent by putting a zero before the number of trains;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that now again the zero number has been removed from all those trains and the normal number of all the trains is restored;
- (c) whether the increased fare is a burden on the passengers given the rising inflation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 466 BY SMT. RANJEET RANJAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING RISE IN PASSENGER TRAIN FARE POST CORONA PERIOD

(a) to (d): With a view to contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways had discontinued all regular train carrying services w.e.f. 23rd March, 2020 and only special trains, with limited stoppages were being operated as Mail / Express Special (MSPC), Passenger Special (PSPC) and Holiday Special (HSP). The Mail / Express special (MSPC) were being operated on the fare as applicable for regular Time Tabled trains. Some special trains on special charges/ Holiday specials (HSP)/ Clone trains were introduced to meet the additional demands over different sectors as per already published fare for special trains on special charges since the year 2015.

Since November 2021, Mail/Express trains are being operated with regular number and as per rationalized time table.

Railways are running different types of train services like Suburban locals/ordinary, Non-Suburban local/ordinary, Mail/Express, Superfast trains, Garib Rath, Gatimaan, Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Mahamana, Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Tejas, Tatkal fare, Special trains on special charges etc.

Accordingly, differential fare structures are there for different categories of train services to provide affordable rail transportation services to all sections of society.
