

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 778
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

REVIEW OF SURGE IN RAILWAY FARE

778. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the concerns raised by passengers with regards to 300 percent increase in base fare during festivals;
- (b) whether Government is planning to review its surge pricing policy with respect to recent concerns expressed by passengers and price of railway fare crossing airfare during festivals;
- (c) if so, the policies and consultation process which are being considered ;
- (d) if not, the steps being taken to reduce the fare;
- (e) whether Government is planning to form tariff committee for fixing railway fare; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 778 BY SHRI P. WILSON ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING REVIEW OF SURGE IN RAILWAY FARE

(a) to (f): Feedback regarding various passenger related policies including passenger fare is received continuously through various forums such as passenger associations, consultative committees at station, division, zonal levels etc. Based upon inputs received from various channels, passenger fare rationalization is an ongoing and continuous process.

Moreover, Indian Railways operates different categories of train services to cater to the travel needs of various sections of population. Further, it strives to provide affordable services to all strata of society and gave subsidy of ₹59,837 crore on passenger tickets in 2019-20. This amounts to concession of 53% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. At present, no proposal to form tariff committee for fixing Railway fare is under consideration.
