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INCREASE IN PASSENGER FARES FROM 1ST JULY 2025

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have increased the passenger fares from 1st July 2025;
- (b) if so, the details of the increased fares;
- (c) to what extent this would affect the poor passengers;
- (d) whether the Railways would consider rolling back of this increase;
- (e) if so, the time by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (f) Indian Railways provides affordable transportation service to more than 720 Crore passengers. The fares of Indian Railways are among the lowest in the world, even when compared with the neighbouring countries.

The total amount of subsidy given in FY 2023-24 on passenger travel is provisionally estimated at ₹60,466 Crore. This amounts to 45 % subsidy on the cost of passenger travel. In other words, if the cost of providing service is ₹100, then the price of ticket is ₹55 only. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. Further, concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing

for many categories of persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students.

Fares have been rationalized w.e.f. 01 July 2025 after a gap of more than 5 years. The increase in fares is very low, ranging from half paise per km to two paise per km for premium classes.

The details of the fare revision are as follows:

- i) No increase in general class up to 500 km and thereafter Half Paise increase in fare per passenger per kilometer.
- ii) Half Paise increase in fare per passenger per kilometer in Sleeper Class Ordinary and First-Class Ordinary.
- iii) 01 Paise increase per passenger per kilometer in Non-AC Classes in Mail Express.
- iv) 02 Paise increase per passenger per kilometer in reserved AC- Classes.

To maintain affordability for low and middle income families, the fares for MST and Suburban travel have not been revised.

Further, the fare revision is likely to have insignificant impact on the total amount of subsidy because the revision ranges from half paise to 2 paise only per kilometer of travel.

It is estimated that less than half the trips will have a marginal increase in fare. For example, for a low-income traveller in General coaches, there is no fare increase for 500 km travel.
