

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

DECLINE IN PASSENGER REVENUE

129. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the flexi fare scheme/surge pricing in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains during the festive season has failed to generate intended/projected revenues;**
- (b) if so, the quantum of decline in revenue collection during the first half of October, 2016 compared to the previous year;**
- (c) whether there has been a steep decline in passenger revenue in the III AC and sleeper class in various trains, especially to destinations like Kerala and Chennai; and**
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reverse the surge pricing and other ticket rate hikes to arrest the decline in passengers and if so, the action taken by the Railways so far?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 129 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING DECLINE IN PASSENGER REVENUE

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Comparative total earnings due to flexi fare in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains for the period 01.10.2016 to 15.10.2016 vis a vis 01.10.2015 to 15.10.2015 are approximately as under:-

Period	01.10.2015 to 15.10.2015	01.10.2016 to 15.10.2016
Total earnings (inclusive of additional earnings due to flexi fare)	₹146 crores	₹182 crores

(c): Comparative total earnings inclusive of additional earnings due to flexi fare for the period 10.09.2016 to 31.10.2016 vis a vis 10.09.2015 to 31.10.2015 for Kerala and Chennai in 3AC and Sleeper classes are approximately as under:-

Class	10.09.2015 to 31.10.2015	10.09.2016 to 31.10.2016
3AC	₹17.92 crores	₹19.56 crores
Sleeper	₹2.18 crores	₹3.13 crores

(d): At present, there is no proposal to withdraw the flexi fare system in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains.
