

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

**FLEXI FARE SYSTEM**

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SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:  
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the introduction of flexi fare system has increased the revenue of Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has noted that flexi fare system has adversely affected the passengers and there is a decline in passenger volume;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether objections have been raised regarding the introduction of such flexi fare and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government is considering to withdraw this system and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201 BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR, DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY, SHRI LALLU SINGH, MOHAMMED FAIZAL, SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL, PROF. K.V. THOMAS, SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI, SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G., SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN, SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA, SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN, SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA, SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL AND ADV. JOICE GEORGE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING FLEXI FARE SYSTEM**

**(a): Comparative total earnings inclusive of additional earnings due to flexi fare for the period 09.09.2016 to 31.10.2016 vis a vis 09.09.2015 to 31.10.2015 are approximately as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>09.09.2015 to 31.10.2015</b>	<b>09.09.2016 to 31.10.2016</b>
<b>Total earnings inclusive of additional earnings due to flexi fare</b>	<b>₹530 crores</b>	<b>₹580 crores</b>

**(b) & (c): No inconvenience to the passengers has been caused since only fares have been rationalised and no major changes have been made in the booking/cancellation system. Comparative total vacant berth in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Durgonto trains for the period 09.09.2016 to 31.10.2016 vis a vis 09.09.2015 to 31.10.2015 are as under:-**

<b>Period</b>	<b>09.09.2015 to 31.10.2015</b>	<b>09.09.2016 to 31.10.2016</b>
<b>Total vacant berths in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Durgonto trains</b>	<b>12428</b>	<b>5871*</b>

**\* 22413/22414 Nizamuddin-Madgaon Rajdhani Express(which was not running during 09.09.2015 to 31.10.2015) has not been included in the above figures.**

**(d): Representations/suggestions including from Hon'ble Members of Parliament for withdrawal of Flexi fare system and also appreciating introduction of flexi fare system have been received.**

**(e): At present, there is no proposal to withdraw the flexi fare system in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains since there has been substantial increase in the operating cost of the Railways over the past few years.**

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