GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2839 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017

BUY TICKETS NOW AND PAY LATER

†2839. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a scheme for passengers to purchase rail ticket through IRCTC and make payment after 15 days;
- (b) if so, whether service charge is likely to be levied thereon; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make people aware of e-ticket system?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a): A scheme of booking e-ticket online and making payment after 15 days through 'ePaylater' powered by M/s Arthashastra Fintech Pvt. Ltd., as a pilot project, has been introduced by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC). Under this scheme, a customer has the option to pay after 15 days of booking an e-ticket through IRCTC website.
- (b): The service charge levied on using 'ePaylater' scheme is 3.50% of transaction amount and applicable taxes.
- (c): Online ticketing through IRCTC website is gaining popularity and its share vis-à-vis counter tickets is increasing. Further, online ticket booking is also being promoted as a cashless mode of transaction.

ePaylater as a payment option is displayed at the payment page of IRCTC website to make people aware about the availability of this payment method. Details about its service charge and 'Terms & Conditions' of the scheme are also provided at the payment option page.
