

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4339
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

RAILWAY PASS HOLDERS

†4339. SHRI JANAK RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway pass holders do not have facility to purchase online tickets through any portal and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the details of cost incurred on each ticket purchased from the counter vis-a-vis online purchase;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to link railway pass to aadhaar card and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the Government employees eligible for railway passes along with the details thereof?**

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.4339 BY SHRI JANAK RAM
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REGARDING RAILWAY PASS HOLDERS.**

(a) Yes, Madam. At present, railway pass holders do not have the facility to book tickets online through any portal because the system of issuing railway passes is yet to be computerised.

(b) With regard to ticket issued through computerised Passenger Reservation System(PRS) counters, the cost is incurred on various inputs such as premises, equipment, their maintenance, manpower cost and other costs such as electricity, furniture, stationery, networking etc., which varies from location to location. As far as cost of issuing e-tickets is concerned, it is incurred on procurement and maintenance of hardware and software, cost of technical manpower, recurring expenditure like rent, electricity charges, internet bandwidth charges, administrative cost, etc. As such, it is not feasible to quantify the overall cost incurred on each ticket purchased through counter and through online mode.

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

(d) Six sets of First Class 'A' privilege passes in a year are given to Gazetted Railway officers. First Class or Second Class 'A' or Sleeper Class privilege passes are given to non-gazetted railway employees as per entitlement

and the number of sets in a year is one (01) set of privilege pass upto the end of 5th year of railway service and thereafter three (3) sets. Employees of non-railway departments appointed on deputation to posts on Indian Railways and officers & the employees of Railway Audit Department are also provided privilege passes at par with the railway employees of equal status.
