

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

REVIEW OF FLEXI FARE SCHEME

**381. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the introduction of the flexi fare scheme, the premium trains were running with a large number of vacant seats and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the flexi fare system with a view to rationalise the fares and make them more passenger friendly;

(c) if so, the outcome of the review; and

(d) the further steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

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. 381 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR, SHRIMATI VASANTHI M. AND SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2018 REGARDING REVIEW OF FLEXI FARE SCHEME

(a): The number of passengers booked in trains having Flexi Fare has registered an increase of 1.37% for the period September 2016 to June 2018 (Flexi period) as compared to the corresponding period of previous years (Non-Flexi period).

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. Flexi Fare scheme in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto trains has been rationalized as under:-

- (i) Discontinuation of Flexi Fare scheme from 15 trains for full year and from 32 trains during pre defined lean period of 3 months (February, March & August)**
- (ii) Maximum cap of Flexi Fare scheme has been reduced to 1.4 times in all Flexi Fare applicable classes**
- (iii) Graded discount has been introduced in Flexi Fare trains and Humsafar trains, where class-wise occupancy is less than 60%, 4 days prior to scheduled departure of the train as under:-**

Occupancy	Discount
Up to 70%	20% on last fare
70 to 80%	10% on last fare
Above 80%	Nil

The above changes have been implemented w.e.f. 15.03.2019 on an experimental basis for 6 months for which booking has already been started.
