GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1739 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019

FLEXI FARE SYSTEM

1739. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU: SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dynamic pricing/flexi fare system introduced in 142 premium trains by the Government has resulted in lower footfall for the trains;

(b) if so, the details of total footfalls during peak and lean season on a year-on-year basis;

(c) whether the Government intends to introduce the dynamic pricing mechanism for all mail and express trains only during the peak season and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of change in revenue generated on a year-onyear basis by the 142 trains in which dynamic pricing was introduced, in the last 2 years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): The concept of flexi fare was introduced with effect from 09.09.2016 in all Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express Trains which were 148 in number at that time. An analysis of number of passenger booked in Rajdhani, Duronto & Shatabdi Express trains (having flexi fare) during the period from September 2016 to August 2018 (Flexi Fare period) has revealed that there has been an increase of 0.95% in the number of passengers booked in these trains as compared to corresponding period of previous years (non Flexi Fare period).

(c): At present, there is no proposal to introduce flexi fare scheme similar to Rajdhani, Duronto & Shatabdi trains in other Mail/Exp. trains.

(d): During the period from September 2016 to November 2018, Railways has been benefited by an additional earnings of approximately 2 1836 crore due to flexi fare.

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