

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 684  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**FLEXI FARE SYSTEM**

**684. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:**

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

**(a) whether it is true that the number of passengers in premium trains after the introduction of flexi-fare system declined when compared to pre-flexi period;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Railways is considering to introduce any scheme to increase the number of passengers in all classes and trains; and**

**(d) if so, 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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 684 BY ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2019 REGARDING FLEXI FARE SYSTEM**

**(a) & (b): The concept of flexi fare was introduced with effect from 09.09.2016. 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) & (d): Indian Railways continuously strive to improve passenger traffic through various measures including the following:-**

- i. Augmentation of on-board capacity by attachment of additional coaches, running of special trains during festivals and holidays, running of Suvidha trains etc.**
- ii. Rationalisation of Flexi Fare scheme in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duronto Express trains through:**
  - Discontinuation of Flexi Fare in 15 trains for full year and in 32 trains for pre defined lean period of 3 months (February, March & August)**
  - Maximum cap of Flexi Fare scheme has been reduced to 1.4 times in all flexi fare applicable classes**
  - Introduction of Graded discount in Flexi Fare trains and Humsafar trains, where class-wise occupancy is less than 60%, 4 days prior to scheduled departure**

- iii. Extension of Alternate Train Accommodation Scheme of VIKALP scheme on all trains to provide confirmed accommodation to waitlisted passengers**
- iv. Streamlining of Computerised Passenger Reservation System to facilitate timely preparation of Reservation Charts and transfer of vacant berths to next remote location**
- v. Increase in berths earmarked for RAC passengers**
- vi. Discounted fares offered in certain sections like Mysuru – Bengaluru- Mysuru Sections, Ahmedabad - Vadodara Section and New Jalpaiguri- Malda Town**
- vii. Delegation of powers to Zonal Railways to decide the percentage of Tatkal quota in Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Durgam trains based on quota utilization**
- viii. Delegation of powers to Zonal Railways to declare less utilized AC-3tier coaches as AC chair Car over certain sections**

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