

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

ESCALATION OF TICKET FARE

118. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway services have been drifting away from the reach of poor and downtrodden people due to the escalation of ticket fare and lesser number of passenger trains with low fares;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to provide train services affordable and accessible to the poor and downtrodden people; and

(c) whether it is true that the Garib Rath and Jan Shatabdi train services in South Indian States particularly in Tamil Nadu are very less as compared to the North Indian States like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Bihar and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118 BY SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING ESCALATION OF TICKET FARE

(a) & (b): Rail fares are highly subsidised to keep them affordable.

Railways are running different types of train services like Suburban locals/ordinary, Non-Suburban local/ordinary, Mail/Express, Superfast trains, Garib Rath, Gaatiman, Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Mahamana, Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Tejas, Tatkal fare, Special trains on special charges etc.

Accordingly, differential fare structures are there for different categories of train services to provide affordable rail transportation services to all sections of society.

(c): Indian Railways do not run train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, Southern Railways, which primarily serves the stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu operates 2 pairs of Garib Rath Express and 4 pairs of Janshatabdi Express services.
