

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022**

HIGHER FARE OF RAILWAYS

1188. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that railway fare in some sectors is higher than that of airfare;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal for rationalization of railway fare;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether Railways has suffered losses in revenue as passengers are preferring air services than paying the higher fare of Railways; and**
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Railways in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1188 BY SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2022 REGARDING HIGHER FARE OF RAILWAYS

(a) to (e): Railways and Airlines are different modes of transport, which are not comparable in the terms of volume, connectivity as well as convenience. There is no fixed maximum limit of fare in Airlines whereas Railways have fixed maximum fare throughout the year. Airline fare varies significantly depending on time of operation, stoppages, travel duration, Origin – Destination pair, carrier etc. Railways' fare may or may not be higher than the air fare depending upon the class of travel as well as factors like peak/ lean periods. It is the choice of the passengers to opt either Railway or Airlines for travelling as per their convenience.

In most of the routes of trains with higher fare like Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto in which flexi fare is applicable, alternative train services with lower fare are already available over Indian Railways. Therefore, passengers can opt for alternative train services over different sections.

During pre-covid both number of passengers as well as earnings by Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto trains in which flexi fare is applicable have increased in comparison to non-flexi fare period.
