

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 440
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

INCREASE IN PRICES OF TICKETS AFTER LOCKDOWN

440. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is charging extra amount in all special Trains running since COVID-19 lockdown and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is true that extra charges are a burden on passengers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is true that even to travel single station, fare is not less than Rs. 65 in special trains; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 440 BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING INCREASE IN PRICES OF TICKETS AFTER LOCKDOWN

(a) to (d): During Pre-Covid time for the passengers, for long distance passengers two types of train services were running over Indian Railways (i) Regular time tabled trains and (ii) Special trains during festivals/peak demand period/rush period etc. Further, Special trains were of three types (1) Second class unreserved specials on normal fare (2) Special trains on special charges on normal fare plus special charges (10% in second class reserved and 30% in other classes subject to prescribed maximum and minimum limit), and (3) Suvidha Specials on minimum tatkal fare and maximum three times of tatkal fare. For both special trains on special charges and Suvidha trains, fare for second class unreserved was normal second class Mail/Express superfast fare.

In view of health advisory due to Covid 19, regular train services are running as Covid specials on the fare as applicable for regular time Tabled trains. During Covid times as passenger demands are not uniform over different sectors, some special trains on special charges have been introduced to meet the additional demands over different sectors as per already published fare for special trains on special charges vide (2) above. Further, unreserved second class has been declared as reserved second class in view of pandemic situation.

A comparative statement of minimum Second class fare in Mail/Express trains during pre Covid and Covid times are as under:-

A. In regular time tabled trains restored as regular Covid Specials:

Pre Covid (In ₹)		During Covid Period till date (In ₹)
Unreserved	Reserved	Reserved
30	45	45

B. In special trains on special charges:

Pre Covid (In ₹)		During Covid Period till date (In ₹)
Unreserved	Reserved	Reserved
65	75	75
