

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1584  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021**

**INCREASE IN FARE**

**†1584. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:**

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

- (a) the reasons for operating special trains by changing the name and fare of the trains that used to be operated earlier in the very important train service of the country;**
- (b) whether there has been a big increase in the fare of the trains being operated presently as compared to the trains operated earlier; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): To contain spread of COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Railways have discontinued all passenger carrying trains w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. In view of the prevailing situation, only special trains, with limited stoppages, keeping in view the suggestions and concerns of State Governments and health advisories issued are being operated.**

**No new fare structure has been introduced post COVID-19. Only categorisation of services have been rationalised to ensure social distancing, check overcrowding in trains as per guidelines / health advisories owing to the situation arising due to COVID-19 pandemic.**

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