

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022**

INCREASE IN FARE OF TRAINS

1361. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of yearly increase in the fare of various Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains during the last five years, year-wise;**
- (b) whether Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express on certain days cost equal to a flight ticket to the same destination and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether instead of making railways a cheaper mode of transportation as compared to airlines, the Government is planning to make it expensive and gradually reach a situation where passengers shift to air travel and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps being taken to reduce the fare of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express train ticket?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 1361 BY SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING INCREASE IN FARE OF TRAINS

(a): Year wise details of increase in fare of Rajdhani & Shatabdi trains during last five years are as follows:

Year	Details of fare rationalizations
2016-17	No change in original fare. However, concept of Flexi fare introduced since 09.09.2016.
2017-18	No change
2018-19	No change
2019-20	Basic fare increased by 4 paisa per kilometre since 01.01.2020.
2020-21	No change

(b) & (c): 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 for Railway or Airlines as per their convenience and requirement.

(d): Based on feedback from different quarters, rationalisation of Passenger fare is an ongoing and continuous process.
