

(d) Besides dynamic fare/variable fare system, with effect from 01.10.2014, in some of the selected trains identified by Zonal Railways which are most in demand, 50% of the existing accommodation under Tatkal Quota has been earmarked as Premium Tatkal Quota and is being booked on dynamic pricing. This is a distance-slab based fare scheme where the fare increases by 20% after each slab of 10% berths are sold subject to maximum three times of tatkal fare. Also, to increase earnings, special trains on special charges are introduced. Running of Premium trains/Suvidha trains on dynamic fare/variable fare are over and above the regular Time Tabled train services.

Increase in revenue due to Suvidha Trains

1576. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Suvidha trains only reflect the experience, well-being and purchase patterns of customers who travel between cities;
- (b) whether Suvidha special trains have increased the revenue of Railways; and
- (c) if so, the details of additional revenue earned in the past year due to Suvidha trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Suvidha Trains were introduced with effect from 01.07.2015 for meeting the demand surges that arise from time to time during summer and winter holiday seasons, festivals and such other occasions. These services have been provided with a view to supplement facilities regularly available to passengers through a mechanism that caters to the requirement of that segment of passengers which is willing to travel at short notice by paying higher fares.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Revenue earned from Suvidha Trains during the period 01 July 2015 to 30 Nov., 2015 is ₹ 64.22 crores (approx.)

Creating separate zone out of Mumbai Suburban Railway

1577. SHRI SACHIN RAMESH TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a feasibility study has been conducted to assess the possibility of creating a separate zone out of the Mumbai Suburban Railway system (CR and WR) in the past;