

Class of Travel	Minimum Tatkal Charges (in ₹)		Maximum Tatkal Charges (in ₹)	
	With effect from 01.04.2013	Revised with effect from 25.12.2015	With effect from 01.04.2013	Revised with effect from 25.12.2015
Reserved Second Sitting (2S)	10	10	15	15
Sleeper	90	100	175	200
AC Chair Car	100	125	200	225
AC-3 tier	250	300	350	400
AC-2 tier	300	400	400	500
Executive	300	400	400	500

(c) The earning from Tatkal charges during the period 25.12.2015 to 31.03.2016 was approximately ₹ 35 crores more than that during the corresponding period of previous year on account of increase in number of Tatkal passengers as well as increased Tatkal charges.

Privately-owned weighbridges

2393. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the Railway Audit Report No.26 of 2014 stating that 65 per cent of the weighbridges were privately-owned and not maintained properly, Government intends to install more weighbridges of its own at suitable locations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure the upkeep of these weighbridges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (d) At present, all loading points on Indian Railways are covered with weighbridges, which have been either installed at the loading point itself or provided linkage with notified associate/alternate associate weighbridge, for weighing of wagons. Installation of weighbridge at loading point itself is a continuous process. Guidelines have been laid for installation of electronic in-motion weighbridges by siding owner(s) in their siding/railway land and also by private parties at railway owned goods sheds.

Periodical calibration, testing and inspection are carried out to ensure that all the weighbridges are functioning properly. Annual Maintenance Contract is executed for maintenance of weighbridges. Functioning of weighbridges is monitored at apex level.

Medical aid facility at major railway stations of Maharashtra

2394. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to make arrangements for providing medical aid facility at major railway stations of Maharashtra in emergency cases; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) For rendering First Aid Service to railway passengers, First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials are provided with the guards of all passenger carrying trains and Station Masters of all Railway stations. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided at model stations and with the Train Superintendents of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and Guards of nominated trains. Front line staff deployed at stations and on trains are also trained in rendering First Aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters of all stations have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies. Ambulance service of both Railway hospitals and State Governments are utilized when required.

Hon'ble High Court at Mumbai had directed Railways to consider the establishment of Emergency Medical Centres at each of those Mumbai suburban stations where more than 100 accidents have taken place in the year 2012. Accordingly Indian Railways have setup Emergency Medical Centres at 14 suburban stations (4 on Central Railway and 10 on Western Railway).

Physical verification of railway pensioners

2395. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry had launched a physical verification exercise to check whether pensioners between the age of 80 and 100 years were still alive, if so, the details thereof;