

Occupancy	Discount
Up to 70%	20% on last fare
70 to 80%	10% on last fare
Above 80%	Nil

The above changes have been implemented for the journey commencing on 15.03.2019 and onwards.

Introduction of jerk-free journey

2702. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways is planning to introduce jerk-free journey for passengers, with modern fittings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all the trains would be fitted with this modern equipment or only specific trains are to be fitted with this equipment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways (IR) is committed to provide a comfortable jerk free journey to its passengers and endeavours to achieve that with the use of better technology continuously.

(b) To minimize the effect of jerks and to improve riding comfort for passengers, IR has introduced new design Centre Buffer Couplers (CBC) with Balanced Draft Gear (BDG) as per specification prepared by Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO)/Lucknow.

(c) It has been decided to proliferate CBCs with BDG on all the Mainline passenger coaches of Indian Railways. All new Mainline passenger coaches are being manufactured with CBCs having BDG. In this direction, sanction under Rolling Stock Programme for 100% replacement of the old design CBCs with new design CBCs with BDG has also been taken. The work is under progress at Zonal Railways.

Introduction of Samanta Express

2703. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways plan to run Samanta Express, a special train to mark the

128th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar, covering Buddhist sites in India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) In memory of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, Indian Railways in association with Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has planned to run "Samanata Express Special train" ex-Nagpur on 14.02.2019 covering Chaityabhoomi (Mumbai), Mhow (Indore), Bodhgaya (Gaya), Sarnath (Varanasi), Lumbini (Nepal), Kushinagar (Gorakhpur), Deekshabhoomi (Nagpur) and back to Mumbai.

Manufacturing of 'Best in class train sets'

2704. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started manufacturing of 'Best in class train sets' in Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has provided any training to the employees of Integral Coach Factory, Chennai before starting manufacturing 'Best in class train sets';

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One train set named Train-18 has been turned out by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in November, 2018. This Best in class indigenous train set has 16 coaches and has been tested upto a speed of 180 kmph by the Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO)/Lucknow.

(c) and (d) The training is done periodically to update knowledge of current developments in technology at the training institutes of ICF in order to get overall skill development of employees. This is also applicable to Best in class train sets.

(e) Question does not arise.