

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2836
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

EXORBITANT RISE IN PASSENGER FARES

2836. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is an exorbitant rise in the passenger fares in the name of special trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to rollback the increased passenger fare; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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. 2836 BY SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 19.03.2021 REGARDING EXORBITANT RISE IN PASSENGER FARES

(a) & (b): No, Sir. In view of health advisory due to Covid 19, regular train services are running as Covid specials on the fare as applicable for regular time Tabled trains. During Covid times as passenger demands are not uniform over different sectors, some special trains have been introduced to meet the additional demands over different sectors as per already published fare for such trains which was notified by 2015 policy.

(c) & (d): Passenger Fare is charged as per categorisation of the train service like local trains, Mail/Express, reserved/unreserved service, festival specials/trains on special charges, Covid specials etc as mentioned in the reply to (a) and (b) above. Indian Railways is keeping a close watch on the situation by regularly monitoring the waiting list, undertaking temporary augmentation, operating clone train (wherever required) and is resuming train services in a phased manner keeping in view the health protocols and feedback from States.
