

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2990

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2022

Dynamic Fare for Premium Trains

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(a)whether the Railways has introduced demand-based dynamic fares for its premium trains;

(b)if so, the category of trains that has been included under such pricing;

(c)whether the Government is aware of the fact that most of such trains are now running with empty berths as passengers are choosing to travel by flight;

(d)whether the Government is contemplating to reverse the dynamic fare policy in view of the negative response and fall in passenger occupancy; and

(e)if so, the details in this regard?

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION
NO. 2990 BY SHRI BENNY BEHANAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022
REGARDING DYNAMIC FARE FOR PREMIUM TRAINS

(a) & (b): With effect from 09.09.2016, flexi Fare system has been introduced in Rajdhani, Duronto and Shatabdi trains. Under this system, the base fare increases by 10% with every 10% of berths sold subject to fixed maximum ceiling limit.

(c) to (e): During Pre Covid both number of passengers as well as earnings by these trains have increased in comparison to Non-Flexi fare period. At present, there is no proposal to reverse the flexi fare policy.

Further, 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.
