

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2572
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2003
TICKET PRICE OF AC CHAIR CARS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that extremely high priced tickets for short distances have been a major defect in the occupancy rate of AC Chair Cars;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have made any efforts to fix the price of the AC Chair Car seats in a competitive and intelligent way;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to allow zonal authorities to fix chair car rates according to the market;
- (f) if so, the guidelines issued to zonal authorities in fixing the prices of AC Chair Car seats for journey shorter than 150 kms; and
- (g) the steps proposed to give absolute power in this matter to railway zonal authorities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): The fare structure of all trains including Jan Shatabdi, Shatabdi and Rajdhani Express trains have been rationalized to make the fares competitive.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f) & (g): Do not arise.