

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2826  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001  
UPGRADING OF TRAINS  
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have announced upgrading of Mumbai-Howrah Mail, Secunderabad-Varanasi Express and Pune-Howrah Azad Hind Express into Super fast trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the fares are likely to be increased in each class in these trains;
- (d) the extent to which the distance running time is likely to be saved; and
- (e) the additional passenger facilities and amenities which are likely to be provided in these trains?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of unstarred question No. 2826 by Shri Naresh Puglia to be answered in Lok Sabha on 15.03.2001 regarding Upgrading of Trains.

(a) & (b) Instructions have been issued to classify 8001/8002 Mumbai-Howrah Mail and 1029/1030 Pune-Howrah Azad Hind Express as Superfast trains with effect from 01.04.2001 and renumbered as 2809/2810 and 2129/2130 respectively. Train no. 7091/7092 Secunderabad-Varanasi Express is not being classified as Superfast.

- (c)
- (i) AC First class - Rs. 50/-
- (ii) AC-2 tier - Rs. 30/-
- (iii) I class - Rs. 30/-
- (iv) AC-3 tier - Rs. 30/-
- (v) AC Chair Car - Rs. 30/-
- (vi) Sleeper class - Rs. 20/-
- (vii) Second class - Rs. 10/-

(d) The average speed from originating station to terminating stations in both UP and DN direction will be more than 55 KMPH.

(e) 8001/8002 Mumbai-Howrah Mail which has been upgraded provides better amenities like availability of Train Superintendents and other support staff for convenience of passengers and improved catering.