

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3154
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RESTORATION OF TELESCOPIC BENEFIT IN NON-METRO AREAS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the revised train fare without telescopic benefit from April 1, 2006 affected the passengers seriously in non-metropolitan cities, smaller towns and rural areas which do not have direct train facilities;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have received complaints in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Railways to restore telescopic benefit ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA)

- (a): From 1st April, 2006, computerized tickets with telescopic benefit in fares are issued for any station where there is stoppage of the train in which the reservation is sought. Passengers are permitted to break journey as per extant rules and obtain subsequent reservation by any train. There has not been any increase in basic fares.
- (b) & (c): Some complaints from rail users have recently been received in this regard.
- (d): The action taken by Railways will go a long way in streamlining the system.