

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:596

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TATKAL RESERVATION SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to hike in tatkal reservation charges, poor people are facing difficulty to avail this facility;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to reduce or withdraw increased tatkal reservation charges to make it attractive and affordable to the passengers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Some representations have been received for reducing the Tatkal reservation charges.

(b) & (c) : The revised Tatkal scheme has been launched with several passenger friendly features e.g. elimination of Identity card provision while booking and travelling, making this facility available in all Mail/Express trains and in all classes (except 1st Class, 1st AC and 1st Sitting) etc. There is no proposal to reduce these charges.