



Indian Railways Rationalises Fare Structure; No Fare Increase for Suburban Services, Season Tickets and Second Class Ordinary Journeys up to 215 km

Minimising Impact on Passengers: Only 1 Paise per Km Increase for Sleeper and First Class Ordinary

Across AC and Non-AC Classes, Mail/Express Fare Revision Limited to 2 Paise per Km

No Change in Reservation Fees or Superfast Charges, Under Fare Rationalisation; GST Applicability and Fare Rounding Rules Also Remain Unchanged

Revised Fares to Apply Only on Tickets Booked from 26 December 2025, with No Impact on Existing Bookings Even for Future Travel

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The Railways has rationalised its passenger fare structure with effect from **26 December 2025**, with the objective of balancing affordability for passengers and sustainability of operations.

Under the revised fare structure, **there is no change in fares for suburban services and Season Tickets**, including both suburban and non-suburban routes.

For **Ordinary Non-AC (Non-Suburban) services**, fares have been rationalised in a graded manner across **Second Class Ordinary, Sleeper Class Ordinary, and First Class Ordinary**.

In **Second Class Ordinary**, there is **no increase in fare for journeys up to 215 km**, ensuring that short-distance and daily commuters are not impacted. For distances **from 216 km to 750 km**, the fare increases by ₹5. For longer journeys, the increase is applied in steps — **₹10 for distances between 751 km and 1250 km**, **₹15 for distances between 1251 km and 1750 km**, and **₹20 for distances between 1751 km and 2250 km**.

In **Sleeper Class Ordinary** and **First Class Ordinary**, fares have been revised uniformly at the rate of **1 paise per kilometre** for non-suburban journeys, ensuring a gradual and limited increase in fares.

In **Mail/Express trains**, the fare increase has been rationalised at **2 paise per kilometre** across Non-AC and AC classes. This includes Sleeper Class, First Class, AC Chair Car, AC 3-Tier, AC 2-Tier, and AC First Class. As an illustration, for a **500 km journey in non-AC Mail/Express coaches**, passengers will pay only about **₹10 extra**.

The existing basic fares of major train services, including Tejas Rajdhani, Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Amrit Bharat, Tejas, Mahamana, Gatimaan, Antyodaya, Garib Rath, Jan Shatabdi, Yuva Express, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, and Ordinary non-suburban services (excluding AC MEMU/DEMU, where applicable), have been revised in line with the approved class-wise basic fare increases. The revision has been carried out uniformly and in a calibrated manner across applicable classes.

Notably, **no changes have been made in reservation fees, superfast surcharges, or other ancillary charges**, which will continue to be levied as per existing rules. **GST applicability remains unchanged**, and fares will continue to be rounded off according to prevailing norms.

The revised fares are applicable **only on tickets booked on or after 26 December 2025**. Tickets booked prior to this date will not attract any additional charges, even if the journey is undertaken after the effective date.

The fare list displayed at stations will also be updated to reflect the new fares effective from 26.12.2025.

Indian Railways remains committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable travel to millions of passengers every day. The revised fare structure reflects a balanced approach that safeguards passenger convenience while maintaining operational sustainability.

Commercial Circular can be seen at- https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/uploads/directorate/traffic_comm/Comm_Cir_2025/CC_24_2025.pdf

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