

Under RTI ACT 2005

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To

The Chief Public Information Officer-1
Railway Board
Indian Railways
Rail Bhavan
New Delhi

Sub: Discrepancies in the parcel policy of the Indian Railways
Ref: Parcel Express Service, New Delhi Chennai and back
leased out to a single party.

Madam/ Sir,

Please refer to your letter/reply dated 22/03/2011 against my letter dated 03/02/2011. I am sorry to say, false and incomplete information has been provided to me against the information sought, about the mentioned subject matter under the RTI Act 2005. I am bringing this to your notice with facts and figures.

Against my question (1) you have said that the category of various types of trains is notified by the zonal railways on the basis of utilization of the Brakevan (SLR) of the train. (i) This notification may be done to notify a train for standard and premium booking rates. But can the railways notify a non-Rajdhani non-Shatabdi train as Rajdhani and Shatabdi train? All across India, as I know, in major stations, all parcel booking is being charged at Rajdhani rates. Please find enclosed copy of two railway receipts chosen in random as proof of this. In those destinations from those stations there are no Rajdhani and Shatabdi services. (ii) I am enclosing herewith some copies of tender notices, please let me know which rates are these.

The purpose of my question raised under RTI act regarding the above mentioned subject matter, was to raise the issue of the millennium express where a party is being shown favour blatantly, so I raised the relevant questions. But I have not received the answers. The questions have been bypassed cleverly. I therefore raise the questions again.

1. In which national newspaper and in which date was the advertisement/tender notice for this parcel express, published?

2. In the tender notice, the parcel express was mentioned to be of how many parcel vans ?

3. For how many days a week was the parcel express mentioned to operate, in the tender notice and in which days of a week? Please send me a copy of that notice.

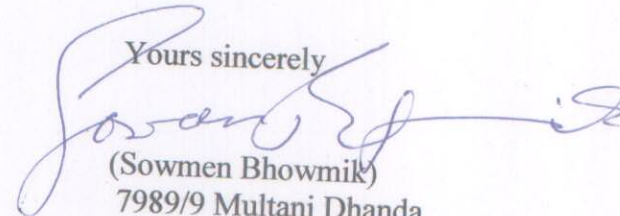
4. The very main question that I raised was, how can you fix all parcel rates of Delhi/NewDelhi/Nizamuddin to Chennai and vice versa at Rajdhani and above and give away a parcel service express train consisting of 20 parcel vans to a party at premium rate? The fact is all parcel rates for Delhi/NewDelhi/Nizamuddin to Chennai and vice versa has been fixed at Rajdhani rate and the base price for leasing of all parcel space (SLR,VP,AGC) at this sector, for both ways is kept at even higher than Rajdhani rate.

Under such circumstances how can the railway authorities fix the base price of a parcel service express at premium rate. Rajdhani rate is Rs 4.95 per kg, premium rate Rs.2.50 per kg.

5. Even if this is a policy, the question is how can you have such a policy?
- 6 How is this not favouring a party over the rest?
7. Why are you favouring this party in this way?
8. Why will all rates for the same product(parcel space)not be the same to have a level playing field?

Thanking you

Yours sincerely



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