

Tatkal Scheme

As announced by Hon'ble Minister of Railways while presenting Railway Budget 2009-10 in the parliament on 03-07-2009, it has been decided to reduce Tatkal Charges as given below: -

The Tatkal Charges have been fixed as a percentage of fare at the rate of 10% of basic fare for second class and 30% of basic fare for all other classes subject to minimum and maximum as given in the table below: -

Class of Travel	Minimum Tatkal Charges (in Rs.)	Maximum Tatkal Charges (in Rs.)
Second(sitting)	10.00	15.00
Sleeper	75.00	150.00
AC Chair Car	75.00	150.00
AC 3 Tier	200.00	300.00
AC 2 Tier	200.00	300.00
Executive	200.00	300.00

The above charges will be levied uniformly both in peak period & non-peak periods.

Tatkal tickets will be issued for actual distance of travel, instead of end-to-end, subject to the distance restriction applicable to the train. The same Tatkal berth/seat may be booked in multiple legs till preparation of charts. At the time of preparation of charts, unutilized portion may be released to the General RAC/Waiting list passengers.

Tatkal facility will be introduced in Executive Class of Shatabadi Express trains also, by earmarking 10% of the accommodation available i.e. 5 seats per coach.

Tatkal booking opens at 8 AM on Two days in advance actual date of journey excluding date of journey w.e.f. of 01-08-2009, e.g. for train leaving on 6th, Tatkal Booking will Commence at 8 AM on 4th.

No identity proof is required to be produced by the passenger seeking reservation under tatkal scheme neither at the time of booking nor during the journey.

The facility of change of name is not permitted on the bookings made under Tatkal scheme.

For the purpose of granting refunds & issuing TDRs for W/L, the time limit will be the same as applicable for refund of normal tickets.

REFUNDS - A flat refund of 25% of total fare charged on the ticket, excluding tatkal charge is granted on cancellation of tatkal ticket, which is presented for cancellation upto 24 hours before the scheduled departure of the train. However, full refund of fare and tatkal charges will be granted on the tickets booked under Tatkal scheme in the following circumstances: -

If the train is delayed by more than 3 hours at the journey originating point of the passenger & not the boarding point if the passenger's journey originating point and boarding point are different.

If the train is to run on a diverted route and passenger is not willing to travel.

If the train is to run on diverted route and boarding station or the destination or both the stations are not on the diverted route.

In case of non attachment of coach in which Tatkal accommodation has been earmarked and the passenger has not been provided accommodation in the same class.

If the party has been accommodated in lower class and does not want to travel. In case the party travels in lower class, the passenger will be given refund of difference of fare and also the difference of Tatkal charges, if any.

It has been decided to re-introduce the need for carrying anyone of the following eight Identity proofs in original during the course of journey:

- (i) Voter Photo Identity Card issued by Election Commission of India
- (ii) Passport
- (iii) PAN Card issued by Income Tax Department
- (iv) Driving Licence issued by RTO
- (v) Photo Identity Card issued by Central/State Government
- (vi) Student Identity Card with photograph issued by recognized School/College for their students
- (vii) Nationalised Bank Passbook with photograph and
- (viii) Credit Cards issued by Banks with laminated photograph

No Identity proof is required to be produced at the counter while getting the Tatkal ticket booked.

Anyone of the passenger/passengers will be required to produce one of the Identity proofs in original (as listed in para 2.0) for checking by ticket checking staff during the course of journey, failing which, all the passenger/passengers travelling on the said ticket will be treated as traveling without ticket and will be charged excess fare and penalty as per rules.

This provision has been given effect from 11.02.2011.