

2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2012

Respected Prime Minister,

We the five recognized Federations/Associations of Indian Railways (AIRF, NFIR, IRPOF, AIRPFA and FROA) bring to your kind notice that the marginal hike in fares proposed in the Rail Budget is a welcome step to sustain the Indian Railways and make it the best transportation infrastructure to provide efficient services to millions of people duly ensuring safety, security satisfaction to them.


The role being played by all sections of Railway employees has always been acknowledged and lauded by successive Minister for Railways. It is also noticeable that in recent past about two thousand railway- men have made supreme sacrifice their lives at altar of their duty.

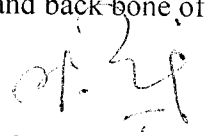
1.4 million railway-men are upset over politicization of the Railway Minister's fares hike announcement when the whole nation knows that such hike is warranted for ensuring safe, secured and smooth functioning of the system.

We are expressing our deep sense of anguish for making the Railway minister a scape- goat for his aforesaid justified decision in the interest of railways and the nation. We further state that politics should not be allowed when the IR's agenda is aimed at providing more efficient services to the people.


We, therefore, request you to kindly intervene and take steps that the fares hike proposal is not rolled back without providing matching support to the IR from the general exchequer.


Should our request fail to receive your sympathetic consideration, we would have no option except to resort to agitation to save the Indian Railways which is the life line of our nation and back bone of our Indian economy.

  
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