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**Train fare hike  
is miniscule,  
says Goyal**

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RAILWAY Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday said that the national transporter has hiked the fares up to 4 paise per km and it would cover only five per cent of the losses incurred during the year. Railways hiked passenger fares with effect from January 1 this year. "As against ₹8,000 crore which was the loss on passenger services in 2004, in the current period we are losing about ₹55,000 crore on passenger services provided throughout the country. However, passenger fare increase is a very sensitive subject... A very nominal increase was done," Goyal said in the Rajya Sabha. He said while there is no increase in fares in suburban services. In case of non-suburban services, a nominal increase of one paisa per km has been done and in case of non-AC and AC classes in Mail and Express trains, the fare has been hiked by two paise per km and 4 paise per km respectively.