

Ministry of Railways introduces tri- weekly new Special Rajdhani between Delhi – Mumbai route from 16th October, 2017.

Flexi Fare shall not be levied on booking of the ticket in this train.

This special Rajdhani train will save around 2 hours in journey time in comparison to existing Mumbai Rajdhani.

The train will be hauled by two locomotives for better acceleration, deceleration and higher speed.

Fare for this train in 2nd AC & 3rd AC will be around 19% cheaper than the maximum flexi fare of corresponding classes of existing Mumbai Rajdhani.

The catering services in this train will be optional and the passengers shall have the choice to opt out of catering services.

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To fulfill the long overdue demand of passengers & to provide faster and convenient connectivity to passengers between two metros Delhi and Mumbai, Ministry of Railways is introducing **a new Special Rajdhani Express between Delhi & Mumbai from 16th October, 2017.** Flexi Fare shall not be applicable in this train. Indian Railways are already running two Rajdhani and more than 30 mail/exp trains between Delhi and Mumbai.

Delhi, the capital city of India, is of great historical significance as an important commercial, transport, and cultural hub, as well as the political centre of India. Mumbai is India's commercial and financial capital, as well as the capital city of Maharashtra State. Both the cities are important business centers of the country. Hence, there is a greater need for effective & efficient transport connectivity between the two cities.

With the introduction of new Rajdhani Express, the travel time will be reduced from the existing time of about 15 hrs. 50 minute to 13 hours 55 minutes i.e a saving of around 2 hours in journey time. The new service is planned to be commenced as a tri-weekly special service with only one rake and shall provide faster rail connectivity between Delhi and Mumbai and great convenience to passengers and passengers will avail of some of the benefits like:

It will save time of the passengers. It will enable the passengers to avoid peak-hours of traffic. Passengers will not need to get freshen up in the train enabling them to have cozy mornings. Passengers can attend offices as per their routine.

This train will have stoppages at Kota, Vadodara and Surat stations only.

Tentative timings are as under :

Special train (09004) ↓	Station	Special train (09003) ↑
Dep. 1615 (Wed, Fri, Sun)	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Arr. 0600 (Wed, Fri, Sun)
2043/2048	Kota	0144/0149
0045/0055	Vadodara	2025/2030
0225/0230	Surat	1855/1900

Arr.0610 (Th,Sat,Mon)	Bandra Terminus	Dep. 1605 (Tue, Th, Sat)
13 Hrs 55 Min.	Running Time	13 Hrs. 55 Min.
1365 Kms	Distance	1365 Kms.
98.1 Kmph	Avg Speed	98.1 Kmph

The inaugural run of first special Rajdhani will be on Oct 16, 2017 from Hazrat Nizamuddin.

The special Rajdhain Express train will comprise of one first AC, two 2AC and twelve 3ACs and one pantry car.

The train will be hauled by **two locomotives** (2 WAP5 locomotives (5,400 HP each) for better acceleration, deceleration and higher speed. This train would run at a maximum speed of 130 kmph.

09004 (NZM-BDTS): The special will start at 1615 from NZM and reach Bandra Terminus at 0610 next day. The travel time is 13 hours 55 minutes. The days of run ex NZM are Wed, Fri, Sun.

09003 (BDTS-NZM) : The special will start at 1605 from Bandra Terminus and reach NZM at 0600 next day. The travel time is 13 hours 55 minutes. The days of Ex Bandra Terminus are Tue, Th, Sat.

This train will be introduced on experimental basis for three months from Oct 16, 2017 to Jan 16, 2018 to gauge the response of the travelling public to a concept of flat increase in fare against existing flexi-fare, all berths being available for booking on the date of opening of ARP, facility for optional catering and early arrival into Mumbai/Delhi before rush hours.

Catering services

The on board catering on this train is being organized by railway PSU namely Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). The catering services will be optional as per the existing menu and tariff of Rajdhani trains. The passengers shall have the choice to opt out of the catering services. There will be provision for evening tea and dinner.

Fare Structure

- **There will not be Flexi fare component in the fare structure of this train.**
- **The fares in or the new service would be 20% more than the base fares for existing Mumbai Rajdhani without any flexi fare.**
- **The fare for Special Rajdhani in 3rd AC will be around Rs 500-600 cheaper (i.e.19% cheaper) than maximum flexi fare of 3rd AC in Mumbai Rajdhani.**
- **The fare for special Rajdhani in 2nd AC will be around Rs 700-800 cheaper (19% cheaper) than maximum flexi fare of 2nd AC in Mumbai Rajdhani.**

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