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Roll back & discuss the fare hike in Parliament - Ram Naik

Mumbai, Wednesday: "Railway Minister Shri Pawan Bansal has not only stabbed common-man with sudden hike in railway fares but has breached parliamentary conventions. He must roll back the hike and discuss it in the Parliament", said Shri Ram Naik, former Minister of State for Railways (Independent Charge) while reacting on fare increase today. "The common man is already burdened due to increase in prices of LPG, diesel, petrol and inflation thereof. This is the last straw on the camel's back", added Shri Ram Naik.

"Shri Pawan Bansal is the fifth Railway Minister of the UPA government led by Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. The frequent changes is resulting into chaos at the administrative level. Instead of taking reins firmly; flimsy excuses are being given for the fare hike. Providing security is the Government's prime duty. How we can charge people for security? It is absurd that the need for fare hike is felt for another flimsy reason of cleanliness. No one is impressed by the assurance of the Railway Minister that he would not go for fare hike at the time of presenting budget. BJP demands rollback and discussion in the Parliament", said Shri Ram Naik at the end.

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