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Indian railways , the fourth largest railway in the world running 114500 km track length, transporting over 30 million passengers and 2.8 million tons of freight every day employs a work force around 1.36 million to take care of its operational and maintenance activities. Indian rail reservation for passenger travel is handled both by Railways department and through one of its BPOs called Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited apart from Indian railways reservation counters.

Rail reservation is also done through Travel agents authorized by the Ministry of Railways and these agents collect a small fee for the services, over and above the train fare and railways reservation charges.

Rail reservation is normally for a specific person to travel and a rail ticket reserved for one person cannot be used by another person to travel. The ticket examiner verifies the identity of the person during travel.

Indian rail reservation can be done three months ahead of travel in all sections and the rail reservation can be cancelled at any point of time, depending upon the exigencies of circumstances. However, the fare remitted for purchase of tickets is not fully refundable. Depending upon the time of cancellation, refunds are made after deducting cancellation charges, as described below:

Time of cancellation

24 hours before the departure time of the train

Within 24 hours, but before 4 hours of the departure time

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Cancellation charges

Standard fee of Rs 70 for AC I Class,, Rs 60 for AC 2 & 3 tier, Rs 40 for Sleeper and Rs 20 for sitting, per passenger

25% of the fare subject to the above minimum rates

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The above cancellation charges are applicable only for confirmed rail reservations, including reservation against cancellation type of tickets (RAC). For waitlisted tickets, only ticket stationery charges of Rs 20 is deducted.

In respect of E tickets after rail reservation chart preparation at the originating station or previous chart preparation station, cancellations are not permitted, but a TDR claiming permissible refund has to be filed online upon which Indian railways will order refund after verification of travel details.

Tickets bought at the railway reservation counters and i-tickets can be cancelled only at the counters. Likewise, E tickets can be cancelled online. E-tickets are print outs upon online rail reservations and i-tickets are regular railway tickets sent to the passenger upon online reservations.

Advance rail ticket booking through Indian rail reservation system is a good practice for traveling in comfort and without hassle , although you can choose to travel in unreserved compartments available in most of the trains.

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