

# Maitree Express

Maitree Express Train was inaugurated on 14-04-08 , the Bengali New Year Day (Pahela Baisakh) 1415. Between Dhaka and Kolkata taking 13-00 hrs. Running time including time taken for customs & immigration formalities.

## 1. Name and Number of the train

It was decided that the name of the train will be Maitree Express. The train name shall be written in English, Hindi and Bangla.

A mutually agreed stencil shall be shared by the two railways for printing the name. The train will be numbered as follows;

### **BR Rake:**

From Dhaka to Kolkata - 3107

From Kolkata to Dhaka - 3108

### **IR Rake:**

From Kolkata to Dhaka - 3109

From Dhaka to Kolkata - 3110

## 2. Days of Run

BR Rake 3107 will run on **Friday** from Dhaka to Kolkata and 3108 Kolkata to Dhaka on **Saturday**.

BR Rake 3107 will run on **Sunday** from Dhaka to Kolkata and 3108 Monday from Kolkata to Dhaka.

IR Rake 3109 will run on **Tuesday** from Kolkata to Dhaka and 3110 **Wednesday** from Dhaka to Kolkata

## 3. Time Table

Trains will run as per following Time Table with effect from **1st July, 2011:**

Custom & Immigration	Time		Station		Time	Custom & Immigration
	08:10 (BST)	D	DHAKA CANTONMENT	A	18:05 (BST)	
13:50 (BST) TO 14:50 (BST)	13:50 (BST) 14:50(BST) 14:20( IST)	A D	DARSANA	D A	12:35 (BST) 11:35 (BST) 11:05 (IST)	12:35 (BST) TO 11:35 (BST)
14:30 (IST) TO 16:00 (IST)	15:00 (BST) 14:30 (IST) 16:00 (IST)	A D	GEDE	D A	10:55 (IST) 09:25 (IST)	10:55 (IST) TO 09:25 (IST)
	18:10 (IST)	A	KOLKATA	D	07:10 (IST)	

#### **4. Fares and Child ticket**

The fares have been agreed as follows:

.AC First/Cabin - USD 20 +15 % Vat

.AC Chair Car - USD 12+15 % Vat

.Non-AC Chair Car - USD 8

.500 Taka Travel Tax to be paid at the time of purchase of ticket for all classes.

Children, accompanied by an adult, up to the age of 5 years will be charged at 50% of the fare for the class of travel

(Travel Tax and Vat will be charged if applicable). Tickets for travel will be issued only on production of valid travel document from 09-00 hrs. to 19-00 hrs. at Kolkata counter & at Dhaka Railway Station.

#### **5. Composition of the train**

Composition of the train will be as follows:

<b>Bangladesh Railway</b>		<b>Indian Railways</b>	
<b>Type of coach</b>	<b>Seating Capacity of each coach</b>	<b>Type of coach</b>	<b>Seating Capacity of each coach</b>
AC First/Cabin - 1	36	AC First/Cabin - 1	27
AC Chair Car -1	80	AC Chair Car -2	73
Non AC Chair Car -2	92	Non AC Chair Car -1	108
CDR (with built-in dining car)-2	51	SLR-2	90 + 6 (for physically challenged passengers)
Power Car - 1	16	Power Car - 1	Nil
<b>Total Coaches - 7</b>		<b>Total Coaches - 7</b>	

Total seating capacity is 418 passengers for the BR rake and 461 plus 12 (For physically challenged) passengers for the IR rake.

#### **6. Trolleys at Gede/Darsana.**

Adequate provision of hand trolleys to be used by passengers free of charge at Darsana Railway Station.

#### **7. Free Allowance for luggage and charges for excess luggage**

It was decided that free allowance for luggage will be 35 kg per full fare passenger and 20 kg per child ticket passenger, for all classes. The free allowance can be carried in up to two pieces of luggages. The dimensions of the luggage shall not exceed 65cm x 80cm, in view of the limitations of the scanners in use. In excess of 35/20 kg (as the case maybe), excess luggage will be charged as follows:

##### **Full fare ticket:**

.More than 35 kg-up to 50 kg-Charge USD 2,per kg or part thereof on each excess kg.

.More than 50 kg-Charge USD 10 per Kg or part thereof on each excess Kg.

**Child ticket:**

.More than 20 kg-up to 35 kg-Charge USD 2, per kg or part thereof on each excess kg.

.More than 35 kg-Charge USD 10 per Kg or part thereof on each excess Kg.

These rates have been kept excessively high in order to dissuade misuse of the train for carrying goods for commercial purpose. Also, to keep the luggage within reasonable limits so that immigration and customs checks are completed in time and the train is not detained.

**8. Catering Services**

Each rake will have a pantry car/CDR coach to provide catering services to the passengers on payment. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) staff will provide catering services between Kolkata and Gede in both the rakes as well as in both directions. BR will provide catering services between Darsana and Dhaka in both the rakes and in both directions.

For the BR rake, CDR, i.e. the dining car will be taken over by the working guard between Darsana and Gede, who will hand over the CDR coach to the catering staff at Gede and Darsana respectively.