

### ***Staff Reporter***

Bangladesh Railway will start selling of advance train tickets from today in an effort to facilitate the journey of homebound people ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The sale of return tickets will begin on July 27. One person will be allowed to buy maximum four tickets, official sources said.

Meanwhile, additional security has been beefed up at some important railway stations, including Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi. Police, Rab, BGB, Ansar, RNB and GRP members will be deployed at the railway stations to maintain law and order.

Besides, a total of 10 trains will run on several routes three days before the Eid and three days after the Eid.

Some 166 coaches will be added to the existing ones while 205 engines will be put on operation across the country to ensure smooth train services ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

The tickets for the journey of July 24 will be available on July 20 while that for July 25 will be sold on July 21.

Tickets for July 26 will be sold on July 22 and that of July 27 on July 23 and tickets for July 28 will be available on July 24.

The return tickets for the journey of July 31 to August 4 will be sold on July 27 to July 31.

Speaking at a briefing at Rajshahi Railway Station on Saturday, Railways Minister Mujibul Haque said special trains will run on different routes to deal with the rush of home-bound passengers.

A special train will run on the Eid day so that people can join the country's largest Eid congregation at Sholakia in Kishoreganj, he said.

The Railways Minister said that the BR in association with Police, RAB, BGB, Ansar, RNB and GRP has already been taken steps to check black marketing of train tickets.