

Answer on Question #44617 – Economics - Economics of Enterprise

The Mohan Bagan football team plays in a stadium with a seating capacity of 180,000. However, during the past season, attendance averaged only 150,000. The average ticket price was Rs 30 if price elasticity is -4, what price should the team have to charge in order to fill the stadium?

Solution

Price elasticity (E_d):

$$E_d = \frac{\frac{P_1 + P_2}{2}}{\frac{Q_{d1} + Q_{d2}}{2}} \times \frac{\Delta Q_d}{\Delta P} = \frac{P_1 + P_2}{Q_{d1} + Q_{d2}} \times \frac{\Delta Q_d}{\Delta P}$$

P means a price, Q means the quantity.

In our case:

$$-4 = (30 + P_2) / (150000 + 180000) * (180000 - 150000) / (P_2 - 30)$$

$$-4 = (30 + P_2) / 330000 * 30000 / (P_2 - 30)$$

$$-4 = (30 + P_2) / (11(P_2 - 30))$$

$$-44P_2 + 1320 = 30 + P_2$$

$$45P_2 = 1290$$

$$P_2 = \text{Rs } 28.7$$

So, the new price should be Rs 28.7, which is lower than the previous price.