

### Concession in railway fare

†455. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise details of the persons provided concession in railway fare, so far;

(b) the details of the amount received by Railways after withdrawing the concession to railway passengers in different categories;

(c) whether Railways propose to restore the concession to railway passengers under special/odd conditions in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Indian Railways extend travel concessions in various classes of travel to more than 50 categories of travellers, such as patients, students, senior citizens, certain categories of disabled persons, doctors, artists, sports-persons, Press-correspondents, Kisans and others. The element of concession ranges from 10% to 100%. The details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) At present, there is no proposal to withdraw all concessions being given to various categories of passengers.

#### Statement

*Details of major concessions granted to different categories of persons on Indian Railways along with class and element of concession*

Sl.No.	Category of Persons	Percentage of concession*
<b>I. Disabled Passengers</b>		
1.	Orthopaedically Handicapped/ Paraplegic persons who cannot travel without escort—for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, sleeper, First, AC-3 tier, AC Chair Car.</li> <li>● 50% in First AC and AC-2 tier.</li> </ul>
2.	Mentally retarded persons who cannot travel without escort—for any purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 25% in AC-3 tier and AC Chair Car of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.</li> <li>● 50% in Monthly season tickets and Quarterly season tickets.</li> </ul>
3.	Blind persons travelling alone or with an escort—for any purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.</li> </ul>

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4.	Deaf and Dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same person) travelling alone or with an escort-for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50% in 2nd, SL and 1st Class</li> <li>● 50% in Monthly season tickets and Quarterly season tickets.</li> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</li> </ul>
<b>II. Patients</b>		
5.	Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, First class and AC Chair Car.</li> <li>● 100% in Sleeper and AC-3tier.</li> <li>● 50% in First AC and AC-2tier.</li> <li>● One escort eligible for same element of concession (except in sleeper and AC-3 tier where escort gets 75%)</li> </ul>
6.	Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, Sleeper, First class, AC-3 tier and AC Chair Car.</li> </ul>
7.	Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50% in First AC and AC-2 tier.</li> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.</li> </ul>
8.	Kidney patients travelling alone or with an escort for kidney transplant Operation/Dialysis	
9.	Haemophilia Patients—severe and moderate form of disease—travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, Sleeper, First class, AC-3 tier and AC Chair Car.</li> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.</li> </ul>
10.	T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, Sleeper and First class.</li> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</li> </ul>
11.	Non-infectious Leprosy patients—for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in second, Sleeper and First class.</li> <li>● One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</li> </ul>
12.	AIDS patients—for treatment/check-up at nominated ART Centres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50% in Second Class.</li> </ul>
13.	Ostomy patients—travelling for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50% in Monthly season tickets and Quarterly season tickets.</li> </ul>

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14.	Sickle cell Anaemia-for treatment/periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes.</li> </ul>
15.	Aplastic Anaemia-for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes.</li> </ul>
<b>III. Senior Citizens</b>		
16.	Men-60 years and above. Women-58 years and above. travelling for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40% in all classes</li> <li>50% in all classes</li> <li>Also in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/ Duronto trains.</li> </ul>
<b>IV. Awardees</b>		
17.	Recipients of age 60 years and above, of:- (i) President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, (ii) Indian Police Award for Meritorious service. - travelling for any purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50% for men</li> <li>60% for women</li> <li>In all classes and also in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains.</li> </ul>
18.	Shram Awardees-Industrial Workers awarded the Prime Minister's Shram Award for Productivity and Innovation-travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes.
19.	National Awardee Teachers-honoured with National Award by the President of India for exemplary service in the field of education-travelling for any purpose.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes.
20.	Either of parents accompanying the Child Recipients of National Bravery Award-travelling for any purpose.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
<b>V. War Widows</b>		
21.	War Widows-travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes
22.	Widows of I.P.K.F. Personnel killed in action in Sri Lanka - travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes

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23.	Widows of Policemen and Paramilitary personnel killed in action against Terrorists and Extremists-travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes
24.	Widows of defence personnel killed in action against terrorists and extremists-travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes
25.	Widows of Martyrs of Operation Vijay in Kargil in 1999-travelling for any purpose.	75% in Second and Sleeper classes
<b>VI. Students</b>		
26.	Students going to hometown and educational tours -General Category- -SC/ST Category-  -Girls upto Graduation Boys upto 12th standard (including students of Madrasa) between home and school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 50% in Second and Sleeper classes.</li> <li>● 50% in Monthly season tickets and Quarterly season tickets.</li> <li>● 75% in Second and Sleeper classes.</li> <li>● 75% in Monthly season tickets and Quarterly season tickets.</li> </ul> Free second class Monthly season tickets
27.	Students of Government schools in rural areas-for study tour-once a year.	75% in second class
28.	Entrance exam-Girls of Government schools in rural areas-for national level for medical, engineering, etc. entrance exam.	75% in second class
29.	Concession to students appearing in main written examination conducted by UPSC and Central Staff Selection Commissions.	50% in second class
30.	Foreign students studying in India-travelling to attend camps/seminars organised by Government of India and also visit to places of historical and other importance during vacations.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
31.	Research scholars upto the age of 35 years-for journeys in connection with research work.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes

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32.	Students and non-students participating in Work Camps	25% in Second and Sleeper classes
33.	Cadets and Marine Engineers apprentices undergoing Navigational/Engineering training for Mercantile Marine-for travel between home and training ship.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
<b>VII. Youths</b>		
34.	Youths attending National Integration Camps of:-	
	(a) National Youth Project	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
	(b) Manav Uththan Sewa Samiti	40% in Second and Sleeper classes
35.	Unemployed youths:-	
	(i) to attend interview for job Statutory Bodies, Municipal Corporation, Government Under-taking, University or Public Sector Body.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
	(ii) to attend interviews for jobs in Central and State Government.	100% in second class 50% in Sleeper class
36.	Bharat Scouts and Guides-for scouting duty.	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
<b>VIII. Kisans</b>		
37.	Kisans and Industrial Labourers-for visit to agricultural/industrial exhibitions.	25% in Second and Sleeper classes
38.	Kisans travelling by Government sponsored Special trains	33% in Second and Sleeper classes
39.	Kisans and Milk Producers-visit to National level Institutes for learning/ Training	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
40.	Delegates for attending Annual Conferences of:	50% in Second and Sleeper classes
	(i) Bharat Krishak Samaj and	
	(ii) Sarvodaya Samaj, Wardha.	
<b>IX. Artists and Sportspersons</b>		
41.	Artistes-for performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 75% in Second and Sleeper Class.</li> <li>● 50% in First, AC Chair Car, AC-3tier and AC-2tier.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi AC Chair Car, AC-3tier and AC-2tier.</li> </ul>
42.	Film technicians-travelling for film production related work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% in Sleeper class.</li> <li>• 50% in First, AC Chair car, AC-3tier and AC-2tier.</li> <li>• In Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi also.</li> </ul>
43.	Sportsmen participating in: (i) All India and State tournaments (ii) National tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% in Second and Sleeper Class</li> <li>• 50% in First class</li> <li>• 75% in Second, Sleeper and First class.</li> <li>• 50% in First class</li> </ul>
44.	Persons taking part in Mountaineering Expeditions organised by IMF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75% in Second and Sleeper Class</li> <li>• 50% in First class</li> </ul>
45.	Press Correspondents accredited to Headquarters of Central and State Governments/Union Territories/Districts-for press work. Spouse/ompanion/dependent children (upto 18 yrs)	50% in all classes of Mail/Express/Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains. 50% concession twice every financial year.
<b>X. Medical Professionals</b>		
46.	Doctors–Allopathic-travelling for any purpose.	10% in all classes and also in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains.
47.	Nurses and Midwives-for leave and duty.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class
<b>XI. Others (Conference, Camps, Tours etc)</b>		
48.	Delegates for attending Annual Conferences of certain All India bodies of social/cultural/educational importance.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class
49.	Bharat Sewa Dal, Bangalore–for attending camps/meetings/rallies/trekking programmes.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class
50.	Volunteers of Service Civil International - for social service.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class
51.	Teachers of Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools-for educational tours.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class

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52.	Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade and Relief Welfare Ambulance Corps, Calcutta-for ambulance camps/competitions.	• 25% in Second and Sleeper Class
<b>XII. Izzat MST</b>		
53.	Izzat MST to persons with monthly income not exceeding ₹ 1500/-, working in unorganised sectors – for journeys upto maximum 150 Kms.	₹ 25/-

\*All the concessions are applicable in Basic Mail/Express fares, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Expenditure on salaries, allowances etc. of employees of Railways**

†456. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- the total number of employees in Railways;
- the total expenditure incurred on salaries, allowances and other facilities for these employees;
- the total expenditure incurred on pensions; and
- the amount left for development of Railways after incurring all above expenses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) As on 01.04.2015, the total number of regular employees in all Groups is 1326584 (provisional) on Indian Railways.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on salaries and allowances on Railways in the year 2014-15 is ₹ 67209.54 crore.

(c) The total expenditure incurred on pension to the employees of Railways in the year 2014-15 is ₹ 28642.08 crore.

(d) Appropriation to Railway funds for development of Railways is done from Railway surplus, which is the sum left from total receipts of the Railways after meeting total revenue expenditure including appropriation to Pension Fund and Depreciation Reserve Fund and payment of Dividend to General Revenues. The surplus generated by Indian Railways during 2014-15 is ₹ 7664.94 crore, which has been appropriated to Development Fund (₹ 1374.94 crore), Capital Fund (₹ 6233.36 crore) and Debt Service Fund (₹ 56.64 crore).

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