

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.462**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022**

**FARE CONCESSIONS SCHEMES IN RAILWAYS**

462. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various fare concession schemes offered to various categories of people by the Railways at present;
- (b) the various categories of people for whom concessions have been withdrawn due to COVID-19;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to resume the concessions that were withdrawn due to COVID-19; and
- (d) whether any alternative scheme/proposal to reduce the number of travelers on Railways is being implemented?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): In view of Pandemic & Covid Protocol, with effect from 20.03.2020 Indian Railways has continued concession to only four categories of Divyangjan, eleven categories of Patients and Students. Before Pandemic, Indian Railways used to provide concessions to more than 50 categories of Passengers.

Due to challenges posed by Covid-19, total passenger revenue generated during 2020-21 is less in comparison to the year 2019-2020 Pre-Covid period. Cost of granting concessions weigh heavily on Railways, hence extending the scope of concessions to all categories of passengers is not desirable at present.

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In spite of above challenges, Railways have continued to provide concessions to passengers namely four categories of Divyangjans, eleven categories of Patients and Students.

(d): Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) has been issued for movement of passengers by train. As per SOP, only asymptomatic passengers are allowed to travel and all passengers are advised that on arrival at their destinations, the travelling passengers have to adhere to health protocols as prescribed by destination state/Union Territories.

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