

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.781
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022

RESUMPTION OF CONCESSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS

781 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has not resumed subsidized train tickets and concessions for the elderly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to restore the concessions in the future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Indian Railways is already bearing more than 50% of the cost of travel on an average for all passengers including Senior citizens on account of lower fare structure for passenger services. Apart from this due to Covid 19, passenger earnings for the last two years are less in comparison to 2019-2020. These have long term impact on the financial health of the Railways. Cost of granting concessions weighs heavily on Railways. Hence extending scope of concessions to all categories of passengers including senior citizens is not desirable. In spite of these challenges, Indian Railways has continued concession in fare to four categories of persons with disabilities, eleven categories of patients and students.
