

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 768  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

**RESUMPTION OF EXEMPTION TO THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND  
JOURNALISTS IN RAILWAYS**

768 # SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the special exemption given to the elderly, disabled and journalists in the Railways was stopped during the COVID period; and
- (b) if so, by when this special exemption will be resumed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of society and gave subsidy of ₹59,837 crore on passenger tickets in 2019-20. This amounts to concession of 53% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. Further, concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing for many categories like Divyangjans, students and patients.

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