

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2189
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DISCONTINUATION OF SENIOR CITIZEN CONCESSION

2189 SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:
SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the projected earning of Government owing to the discontinuation of the senior citizen concessions since the time it was discontinued;
- (b) the reasons for discontinuing the concessions; and
- (c) the measures taken to support the senior citizens who are affected by the discontinuation of the concessions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c). Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of ₹56,993 crore on passenger tickets in 2022-23. This amounts to concession of 46% 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 4 categories of Persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students.
