

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2974
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STUDENTS CONCESSION FARE IN RAILWAYS

2974 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of students who availed train fare concessions in the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has compiled statistics on the utilization of student fare concessions, if so, the details thereof, State/zone-wise;
- (c) whether Government is considering increasing the percentage of fare concessions for students, particularly for those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to enhance their access to education and reduce travel costs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e). Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of ₹56,993 cr on passenger tickets in 2022-23. This amounts to concession of 46% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. In other words for easier understanding, if the cost of providing service is ₹100, then the price of ticket is ₹54 only. 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. Statewise data on these concessions is not maintained separately.
