

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567
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CONCESSIONS IN RAILWAY TICKETS TO SENIOR CITIZENS

567 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is reconsidering to give concessions in railway tickets to senior citizens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) to what extent Government benefited from discontinuing the concession of senior citizens in railway tickets and the reason for discontinuing the concession; and
- (d) whether there is any financial burden on Government by giving concessions to senior citizens and physically challenged persons in railway tickets?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): 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.
