

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 455
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

CONCESSION TO RAILWAY PASSENGERS

455. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has repealed the concession given to the railway passengers;
- (b) if so, the details therefore and the reason for such actions;
- (c) whether Government is considering to reinstate the concession given to railway passengers in all the categories;
- (d) if not, the reason for the same; and
- (e) whether Government will consider giving concession to railway passengers belonging to below Poverty Line category?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): In view of Pandemic & Covid Protocol, with effect from 20.03.2020 Indian Railways has continued concession to only four categories of Divyangjan, eleven categories of Patients and Students. Due to challenges posed by Covid-19, total passenger revenue generated during 2020-21 is less in comparison to the year 2019-2020 Pre-Covid period. Cost of granting concessions weigh heavily on Railways, hence extending the scope of concessions to all categories of passengers is not desirable at present.

In spite of above challenges, Railways has continued to provide concessions to passengers namely four categories of Divyangjans, eleven categories of Patients, and Students.
