

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1889**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023**

**SLASH IN TRAIN FARES**

1889 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:  
SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has slashed the train fares by 25 per cent for AC chair cars and executive classes including Vande Bharat along with Anubhuti and Vistadome coaches, during the month of July, 2023;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, train-wise and class-wise, reasons for the same; and
- (c) the details of other trains/classes wherein train fares would be slashed?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): 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. Fare rationalization is a continuous process to optimize utilization of travel accommodation in trains. In 2019, Zonal Railways had been delegated power to introduce discounts up to a maximum of 25% of basic fare in AC chair car and Executive class over certain segments after analyzing the travel trends for all competitive modes in the region and estimating the future occupancy potential. The same provisions have been extended with some minor modifications vide instructions on 08.07.2023.

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