

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERD ON- 10/08/2023

75 PER CENT CONCESSION IN TRAIN JOURNEY TO SPORTS PERSONS

2554 SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) number of times the Minister & Sports Secretary have written letters to the Minister of Railways & Chairman, Railway Board to restore the 75 per cent concession to sports persons in railway tickets since its hold from 2020, copy of all letters & their replies;

(b) number of letters the Sports Minister wrote to the Prime Minister and how many times did he meet PM regarding the same, copy of the letter and replies along with details of the outcome of the meeting, if any; and

(c) number of times the Sports Minister wrote a letter for inclusion of this matter in the agenda of the Cabinet meeting?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): After the easing out of restrictions of lockdown imposed because of COVID-19 situations, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports had, in January 2021 and in June 2022, written to the Ministry of Railways for restoration of concession in passenger fare for sportspersons.

Ministry of Railways has informed that requests for restoration of concessions in passenger fares including to sportspersons are received from different quarters and action as found feasible and justified is taken, and that the Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of society and gave subsidy of Rs. 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. Further concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing for many categories like Divyangjans, students and patients.
