

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 591
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024**

RAILWAY CONCESSION TO VARIOUS CATEGORIES

591. DR. SYED NASEER HUSSAIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways temporarily stopped concession for 38 categories of passengers including senior citizens, etc. in view of COVID-19;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that such a temporary stopping of concession has not been restored thereafter;
- (c) the details of number of passengers who got benefitted from such concessions before it was stopped in 2020, year-wise; and
- (d) the details of number of passengers who got benefitted from such concessions in the last five years, year-wise?

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 crore on passenger tickets in 2022-23. This amounts to concession of 46% 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 4 categories of Persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students. Further, number of passengers availing the concession in different classes and in different trains over various Zonal Railways varies from year to year.
