

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2492
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

RAILWAY FARE CONCESSION FOR ATHLETES

2492 SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is currently running any scheme for concessions on railway fares for athletes travelling to participate in district, national, and international competitions, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has provided any scheme in the past for concessions in railway fares for athletes travelling to participate in district, national, and international competitions, if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) whether any concession scheme for athletes has been withdrawn or modified in recent years, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind this decision; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to restore or revise this concession scheme?

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 Rs. 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, if the cost of providing service is Rs. 100, then the price of ticket is Rs. 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.
