

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1561
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CONCESSIONS ON RAIL TRAVEL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

1561 DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not reinstating the concessions extended to senior citizens in Indian Railways;
- (b) the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways regarding the concessions extended to senior citizens;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to reinstate the concessions to senior citizens in the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including timeline for restoration and details of certain specific train services recognised for such concession;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Railways will restore the various concessions for travel that were withdrawn during COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (g) if so, the timeline thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): Standing Committee on Railways has advised to review and consider concession to senior citizens at least in sleeper and 3 AC.

Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of Rs. 60,466 crore on passenger tickets in 2023-24. This amounts to concession of 45% 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. 55 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.
