

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 753
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

FARE CONCESSIONS TO SENIOR CITIZENS

753 # SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the date on which the fare concession provided to senior citizens by Indian Railways was discontinued;
- (b) whether there is any active consideration, proposal or review process underway by Government to reinstate this concession which was suspended during the Covid pandemic;
- (c) if so, the current status thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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. 60,466 cr 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.