

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3316
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE TO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN RAILWAYS

3316# DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the concessions available to the different categories of passengers during travel by train and the amount of expenditure the railway administration has to bear for each category in the years 2024-25 and 2025-26; and
- (b) whether senior citizens and journalists also used to get these concessions apart from the aforementioned concessions, the break up of expenditure incurred in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 on these and the order under which it was withdrawn?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of Rs. 60,239 cr on passenger tickets in 2024-25. This amounts to concession of 43% 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. 57 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.
