

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3860
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017**

FREE TICKETS FOR DISABLED

†3860. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to provide rail tickets free or at minimum fare to the Persons with Disabilities (Divyangs) and the persons suffering from serious diseases; and**
- (b) if so, the fare structure being adopted in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3860 BY SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2017 REGARDING FREE TICKETS FOR DISABLED

(a) & (b): Indian Railways already extend travel concessions in passenger fare to persons with disabilities (Divyangs) and the persons suffering from some serious diseases. The element of concession ranges from 25% to 100%. The details are as under:-

S.No.	CATEGORY OF PERSONS	PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*
I	Persons with Disabilities (Divyangs)	
1	Orthopaedically Handicapped/ Paraplegic persons who cannot travel without escort – **for any purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, SL, 1st Class, 3AC, AC chair Car • 50% in 1AC and 2AC, • 25% in 3AC & AC Chair Car of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains • 50% in MST & QST • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
2	Mentally retarded persons who cannot travel without escort - **for any purpose	
3	Blind persons travelling alone or with an escort - for any purpose	
4	Deaf & Dumb persons (both afflictions together in the same person) travelling alone or with an escort - for any purpose.	

**** The facility to book ticket alone has also been provided. However, the eligibility criteria for availing the concession remains the same.**

II	Patients	
1	Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, 1st class & AC chair car • 100% in SL & 3AC • 50% in 1AC & 2AC • one escort eligible for same element of concession (except in SL & 3AC where escort gets 75%)
2	Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, SL, 1st Class, 3AC, AC chair Car • 50% in 1AC and 2AC,
3	Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
4	Kidney patients travelling alone or with an escort for kidney transplant Operation/Dialysis	
5	Haemophilia Patients – severe & moderate form of disease - travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, SL, 1st Class, 3AC, AC chair Car • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
6	T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, SL and 1st Class • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession

7	Non-infectious Leprosy patients - for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% in 2nd, SL and 1st Class• One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
8	AIDS patients - for treatment/check-up at nominated ART Centres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% in 2nd Class
9	Ostomy patients - travelling for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% in MST & QST• One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.
10	Sickle cell Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes
11	Aplastic Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes.

*** Concession is applicable only on basic fare.**

Further, w.e.f. 15.05.2017, Patients who are already eligible to travel in second class and AC Chair car of Mail/Express trains, shall be eligible to travel in Jan Shatabdi trains. At present, there is no proposal to increase the element of concession or to allow free travel to persons with Disabilities (Divyangs) and persons suffering from serious diseases.
