## 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*
ı	Persons with Disabili	ties (Divyangs)
1	Orthopaedically Handicapped/	• 75% in 2nd, SL, 1st
	Paraplegic persons who cannot	Class, 3AC, AC chair Car
	travel without escort – **for any	• 50% in 1AC and 2AC,
	purpose	• 25% in 3AC & AC Chair
2	Mentally retarded persons who	Car of Rajdhani/Shatabdi
	cannot travel without escort -	trains
	**for any purpose	• 50% in MST & QST
3	Blind persons travelling alone or	One escort is also eligible
	with an escort - for any purpose	for same element of
		concession
4	Deaf & Dumb persons (both	• 50% in 2nd, SL and 1st
	afflictions together in the same	Class
	person) travelling alone or with	• 50% in MST & QST
	an escort - for any purpose.	One escort is also eligible
		for same element of
		concession

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

1 Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up.  1 Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up  2 Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up  3 Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery  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  100% in SL & 3AC  100% in 1AC & 2AC  100% in 1AC and 2AC,  100
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for same element of
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7	Non-infectious Leprosy patients -	•	75% in 2nd, SL and 1st
	for treatment/periodical check-		Class
	up.	•	One escort is also eligible
			for same element of
			concession
8	AIDS patients - for	•	50% in 2nd Class
	treatment/check-up at nominated		
	ART Centres.		
9	Ostomy patients - travelling for any	•	50% in MST & QST
	purpose.	•	One escort is also eligible
			for same element of
			for same element of concession.
10	Sickle cell Anaemia - for	•	
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10		•	concession. 50% In Sleeper, AC Chair
10			concession.  50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier
	treatment/periodical check-up		concession.  50% In Sleeper, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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