

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1574
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

RESERVATION QUOTA FOR PATIENTS

†1574. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision of berth reservation quota in trains for patients suffering from arthritis as they find it more troublesome to travel standing or sitting as compared to senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any concession in fare is also provided to such patients; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) No, Madam. At present no reservation quota has been earmarked for patients suffering from arthritis.

However, all categories of passengers including arthritis patients can book berth of choice (lower berth in this case) on first come first serve basis subject to availability.

(b) and (c): As per extant rules, there is no provision for concession in passenger fare for patients suffering from arthritis. Railways are losing substantial revenue on account of concessions granted to more than 50 categories of passengers. Keeping in view the financial constraints on Railways, the scope of concession is not being enlarged.
