

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2758
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF SUBSIDY SCHEME

2758. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the voluntary surrender of subsidy scheme by senior citizens on railway tickets under the 'give up' scheme;**
- (b) the total number of senior citizens who surrendered their subsidies, year-wise since the implementation of the scheme;**
- (c) whether the savings accrued by such schemes are diverted to the development of railway stations; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Option for give up of concession in the passenger fare for senior citizens to the extent of 100% was already available. However w.e.f. 22.07.2017 option has also been given to give up 50% of concession value for senior citizens.

(b): Number of senior citizens who gave up concession for the period 22.07.2017 to 30.11.2017 are as under:-

(a) 100% of concession value: 5.67 lakh.

(b) 50% of concession value: 5.81 lakh.

(c) & (d): The 'give up' concession scheme has the effect of increasing the earnings of the Railways which is pooled together to meet the revenue expenditure of the Railways including the development of Railway stations.
