

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2004  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

**RAILWAY FACILITIES TO PASSENGERS**

**2004. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether tickets are made available on priority basis to the patients and their attendants going from one State to the other and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether concession is given/ proposed to be given in rail fare to such passengers belonging to the economically weaker family, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether special concession in fare and reservation on priority basis is given/ proposed to be given to the candidate belonging to the economically weaker family for attending examination and interview for government services for travelling in train from one State to the other; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2004 BY DR. ANUPAM HAZRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING RAILWAY FACILITIES TO PASSENGERS**

**(a) & (b): Indian Railways extend travel concessions in passenger fare to 11 categories of patients irrespective of their income status and the element of concession ranges from 25% to 100%. The details are as under:-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>CATEGORY OF PERSONS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Patients</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up. (reserved/unreserved)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 1<sup>st</sup> class (FC) &amp; AC chair car (CC)</b></li> <li>• <b>100% in Second Sleeper (SL) &amp; AC- 3 tier (3AC)</b></li> <li>• <b>50% in 1<sup>st</sup> AC (1AC) &amp; AC-2 tier (2AC)</b></li> <li>• <b>one escort eligible for same element of concession (except in Second Sleeper (SL) &amp; AC- 3tier (3AC) where escort gets 75%</b></li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Thalassemia patients travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Second Sleeper (SL), 1<sup>st</sup> Class (FC), AC-3 tier (3AC), AC chair Car (CC)</b></li> </ul>

3	<b>Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in 1<sup>st</sup> AC (1AC) and AC-2 tier (2AC)</b></li> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</b></li> </ul>
4	<b>Kidney patients travelling alone or with an escort for kidney transplant Operation/Dialysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in 1<sup>st</sup> AC (1AC) and AC-2 tier (2AC)</b></li> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</b></li> </ul>
5	<b>Haemophilia Patients – severe &amp; moderate form of disease - travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check up.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Second Sleeper(SL), 1<sup>st</sup> Class (FC), AC-3 tier (3AC), AC chair car(CC)</b></li> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</b></li> </ul>
6	<b>T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodical check-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Second Sleeper (SL) and 1<sup>st</sup> Class(FC)</b></li> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</b></li> </ul>
7	<b>Non-infectious Leprosy patients - for treatment/periodical check-up.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, Second Sleeper (SL) and 1<sup>st</sup> Class(FC)</b></li> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession</b></li> </ul>
8	<b>AIDS patients - for treatment/check-up at nominated ART Centres.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class</b></li> </ul>
9	<b>Ostomy patients - travelling for any purpose.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in Monthly Season Ticket &amp; Quarterly Season Ticket</b></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.</b></li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sickle cell Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in Second Sleeper(SL), AC Chair Car (CC), AC 3-tier (3AC) and AC 2-tier (2AC) classes</b></li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>Aplastic Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>50% in Second Sleeper (SL), AC Chair Car (CC), AC 3-tier (3AC) and AC 2-tier (2AC) classes.</b></li> </ul>

**\* 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.**

**As regards priority in allotment of berths/seats, in the computerized Passenger Reservation System (PRS) there is a provision to permit cancer Patients and their attendants travelling on concessional tickets issued in exchange of concession certificate, to directly access Emergency Quota at the time of booking itself. Maximum number of berths/seats out of the Emergency Quota in a train, which can be accessed by Cancer patients and their attendants in Sleeper class is 4 and 2 each in Air conditioned (AC) Chair Car, AC 3 tier, AC 2 tier and First Classes. In addition, separate Cancer Patient Quota has also been defined in some identified trains.**

**(c) & (d): Indian Railways extend travel concessions in passenger fare to Unemployed youths irrespective of their income status to attend competitive examination and interview for government services. The details are as under:-**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Unemployed youths : – (i) to attend interview for job Statutory Bodies, Municipal Corporation, Govt Undertaking, University or Public Sector Body. (ii) to attend interviews for jobs in Central &amp; State Govt.</b>	<b>50% in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and Second Sleeper (SL) class</b> • <b>100% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class</b> • <b>50% in Second Sleeper (SL) class</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Entrance exam - Girls of Govt. schools in rural areas – for national level for medical, engineering, etc. entrance exam.</b>	<b>75% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Concession to students appearing in main written examination conducted by UPSC &amp; Central Staff Selection Commissions.</b>	<b>50% in 2<sup>nd</sup> class.</b>

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

**As regards priority in allotment of berths/seats out of Emergency Quota, a limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as Emergency Quota (EQ) in different trains and in different classes. At the time of allotment of berths in this Quota, preference is given for travel of high dignitaries. The other requisitions received from various quarters are considered for release of berths out of the remaining Emergency Quota (after providing confirmed accommodation for self travel of high dignitaries) taking into account factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on Government Duty, bereavement in the family, sickness, job interview etc.**

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