GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019

QUOTA IN BOOKING TICKETS

1792. DR. ANUPAM HAZRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce special facilities for availability of tickets on priority basis to the patient and his attendant at concessional rate, belonging to the economically weaker family;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether similar concession and ticket reservation facility to the candidates for attending examination and in view for Government services is also proposed to be provided; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1792 BY DR. ANUPAM HAZRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2019 REGARDING QUOTA IN BOOKING TICKETS

(a) & (b): Indian Railways extend travel concessions in passenger fare to 11 categories of patients irrespective of their income status. The details are as under:-

S.No.	CATEGORY OF PERSONS	PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*
I	P	atients
1	Cancer patients travelling	• 75% in 2 nd class, 1 st class
	alone or with an escort for	(FC) & AC chair car (CC)
	treatment / periodic check-	• 100% in Second Sleeper
	up. (reserved/unreserved)	(SL) & AC- 3 tier (3AC)
		• 50% in 1st AC (1AC) & AC-2
		tier (2AC)
		• one escort eligible for same
		element of concession
		(except in Second Sleeper
		(SL) & AC- 3tier (3AC)
		where escort gets 75%
2	Thalassemia patients	• 75% in 2 nd class, Second
	travelling alone or with	Sleeper (SL), 1 st Class (FC),
	escort for	AC-3 tier (3AC), AC chair
	treatment/periodic check-	Car (CC)
	ир	• 50% in 1st AC (1AC) and AC-
		2 tier (2AC)
3	Heart patients travelling	One escort is also eligible
	alone or with an escort for	for same element of
	heart surgery	concession
4	Kidney patients travelling	
	alone or with an escort for	

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10	Sickle cell Anaemia - for	• 50% In Second Sleeper(SL),
	treatment/periodical check-	AC Chair Car (CC), AC 3-tier
	up	(3AC) and AC 2-tier (2AC)
		classes
11	Aplastic Anaemia - for	• 50% In Second Sleeper
	treatment/periodical check-	(SL), AC Chair Car (CC), AC
	up.	3-tier (3AC) and AC 2-tier
		(2AC) 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, are also 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:

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

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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.
