

**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	Patients	
1	Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment / periodic check-up. (reserved/unreserved)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd class, 1st class (FC) & AC chair car (CC) • 100% in Second Sleeper (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 travelling alone or with escort for treatment/periodic check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd class, Second Sleeper (SL), 1st Class (FC), AC-3 tier (3AC), AC chair Car (CC) • 50% in 1st AC (1AC) and AC- 2 tier (2AC)
3	Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
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 for treatment/periodical check up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd class, Second Sleeper(SL), 1st Class (FC), AC-3 tier (3AC), AC chair car(CC) • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
6	T.B./Lupas Valgaris patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment / periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd class, Second Sleeper (SL) and 1st Class(FC) • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
7	Non-infectious Leprosy patients - for treatment / periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd class, Second Sleeper (SL) and 1st Class(FC) • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
8	AIDS patients - for treatment / check-up at nominated ART Centres.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% in 2nd Class.
9	Ostomy patients - travelling for any purpose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% in Monthly Season Ticket & Quarterly Season Ticket • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession.

10	Sickle cell Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% In Second Sleeper(SL), AC Chair Car (CC), AC 3-tier (3AC) and AC 2-tier (2AC) classes
11	Aplastic Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% In Second Sleeper (SL), AC Chair Car (CC), AC 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 jobs in Statutory Bodies, Municipal Corporation, Govt Under-taking, University or Public Sector Body. (ii) to attend interviews for jobs in Central & State Govt.	(i) 50% in 2nd Class and Second Sleeper (SL) class (ii) 100% in 2nd class & 50% in Second Sleeper (SL) class
2	Entrance exam - Girls of Govt. schools in rural areas – for national level for medical, engineering, etc. entrance exam.	75% in 2nd class.
3	Concession to students appearing in main written examination conducted by UPSC & Central Staff Selection Commissions.	50% in 2nd class.

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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.
