

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1752
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS TO ALL PASSENGER CATEGORIES

**1752. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restore the facilities and concessions availed by different deserving candidates in train journey prior to Covid pandemic and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to restore the facility of travel concession availed by the senior citizens prior to Covid and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revise the terms and conditions for availing travel concession by the senior citizens and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the number of passengers who have not been able to avail such concessions since the withdrawal along with the amount saved in this regard;**
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment as to how the discontinued concessions is likely to affect the number of senior citizens travelling and will impact the savings of senior citizens;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof;**
- (g) whether the Railway is withdrawing from its responsibility to provide public transport to the common man in a reasonable rate and convert it into a profit making business; and**
- (h) if so, the corrective action taken by the Government to provide and strengthen the public transport facility?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1752 BY DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI, SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN AND SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS TO ALL PASSENGER CATEGORIES

(a) to (h): Indian Railways always strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of ₹59,837 crore on passenger tickets in 2019-20. This amounts to concession of 53% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. Further, concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing for many categories like 4 categories of Persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students.
