

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 501
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

REVIEWING OF CONCESSION POLICY

501. SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of concession given category wise during the last three years;**
- (b) the category-wise growth of concessional passengers during the last three years;**
- (c) the list of the illness/diseases for which concession is being provided to the patients;**
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the concession policy to reduce the burden; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.501 BY SHRIMATI SAJDA AHMED TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.02.2020 REGARDING REVIEWING OF CONCESSION POLICY

(a): Indian Railways extend travel concessions in passenger fare to 53 categories of passengers and the element of concession ranges from 10% to 100%. The details of revenue foregone due to concession given to various categories of passengers during the last three years are as under:-

(₹ in Crores) (Approximate)

Category	Year		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Physically challenged persons	109.35	125.24	136.95
Patients	90.11	87.38	99.39
Senior Citizens	1375.61	1490.72	1635.60
Izzat MST	1.34	3.60	2.93
*Others	93.64	102.70	119.96
Total	1670.05	1809.64	1994.83

***Others include students, Press correspondents, sports persons, war widows, etc.**

(b): The category-wise growth of concessional passengers during the last three years are as under:-

(in Actuals)

Category	Year		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Persons with Disabilities	9836732	11779837	12206931
Patients	2524749	2404157	2649749
Senior Citizens	104478699	111093904	120183809
Izzat MST	2089100	5988250	5173800
*Others	138140595	161362885	156430878
Total	257069875	292629033	296645167

***Others include students, Press correspondents, sports persons, war widows, etc.**

(c): Indian Railways extend travel concessions in passenger fare to 11 categories of patients and the element of concession ranges from 25% to 100%. The details are as under:-

S. No.	CATEGORY OF PATIENTS	PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*
1	Cancer patients travelling alone or with an escort for treatment/periodic check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% in 2nd, 1st class & AC chair car • 100% in SL & 3AC • 50% in 1AC & 2AC • one escort eligible for same element of concession (except in SL & 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, SL, 1st Class, 3AC, AC chair Car • 50% in 1AC and 2AC, • One escort is also eligible for same element of concession
3	Heart patients travelling alone or with an escort for heart surgery	
4	Kidney patients travelling alone or with an escort for kidney transplant Operation/Dialysis	

S. No.	CATEGORY OF PATIENTS	PERCENTAGE OF CONCESSION*
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, SL, 1st Class, 3AC, AC chair Car • 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, SL and 1st Class • 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, SL and 1st Class • 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 MST & QST • 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 SL, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes
11	Aplastic Anaemia - for treatment/periodical check-up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% In SL, AC Chair Car, AC 3-tier and AC 2-tier classes.

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

SL- Sleeper Class; AC – Air Condition; MST – Monthly Season Ticket

QST – Quarterly Season Ticket.

(d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal to withdraw the concessions given to Indian senior citizens and other categories of passengers. However, in view of increase in revenue foregone year after year due to concessions being given to different categories of passengers, the following action have already been taken:-

(i) Senior Citizens of foreign nationals and Non-resident Indians have been excluded from the senior citizen category for the purpose of concession in passenger fare.

(ii) No concession has been given in the newly introduced trains like Humsafar, Antyodaya, Gatimaan, Vande Bharat etc.

(iii) With effect from 22.07.2017, senior citizen passengers now can opt to give up 50% of the concession in addition to the existing option of giving up 100% concession.

(iv) No new concession has been given during the last 5 years.
