

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

CONCESSIONS TO PASSENGERS

3663. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to resume the concessions given to various categories of train passengers, especially the senior citizens and sports persons, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the special trains being run are allowed to take its full occupancy capacity of eight passengers in each bay of per sleeper class and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the fare collected is at normal rate or at higher special rate and if so, the details and reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3663 BY SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2021 REGARDING CONCESSIONS TO PASSENGERS

(a): In view of Pandemic & Covid protocol, concession to all categories of passengers (except 4 categories of Divyangjan, 11 categories of Patients and Students) have been withdrawn from 20.03.2020 till further advice. In view of increasing trend of Covid cases, at present there is no proposal to restore concessions.

(b): At present, reserved sleeper coaches are booked as per the full berth/seat capacity of different types of sleeper coaches subject to traffic demand.

(c): During Pre-Covid time, for long distance passengers, two types of train services were running over Indian Railways (i) Regular time tabled trains and (ii) Special trains during festivals/peak demand period/rush period etc. Further, Special trains were of three types (1) Second class unreserved specials on normal fare (2) Special trains on special charges on normal fare plus special charges (10% in second class reserved and 30% in other classes subject to prescribed maximum and minimum limit), and (3) Suvidha Specials on minimum tatkal fare and maximum three times of tatkal fare. For both special trains on special charges and Suvidha trains, fare for second class unreserved was normal second class Mail/Express superfast fare.

In view of health advisory due to Covid 19, regular train services are running as Covid specials on the fare as applicable for regular time Tabled trains. During Covid times as passenger demands are not uniform over different sectors, some special trains on special charges have been introduced to meet the additional demands over different sectors as per already published fare for special trains on special charges vide (2) above.