GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2840 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

CONCESSIONS FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH WORKERS

2840. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing concessions for medical and health workers in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether only Allopathic doctors are considered for concessions in Railways;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include the doctors from AYUSH sector also; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (d): Prior to 20.03.2020, Railways used to extend concession in passenger fare to the following categories of medical professionals:-
- (i) Allopathic Doctors with minimum Bachelor of Medicines and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) qualification.

(ii) Trained Nurses/ Midwives working in any recognized hospital or nursing institution, trained nurses /midwives in private practice, student nurses/student midwives undergoing training in hospitals etc. Concession to Allopathic Doctor was granted to render medical assistance to the needy passenger during journey as well as in Railway accidents.

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to all categories of passengers (except 4 categories of Divyangjan, 11 categories of Patients and Students) have been withdrawn from 20.03.2020.

(e): At present, there is no such proposal.

(f): Does not arise.
