

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 518
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

WITHDRAWAL OF CONCESSIONS

518. SHRI A. RAJA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for withdrawal of train travel concessions to various categories during the lockdown period;**
- (b) whether demands have been raised for restoration of concessions to various categories including students;**
- (c) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and**
- (d) whether the Government would restore travel concessions which were given over a period out of social necessity and obligation even when less than 12% of reserved passengers along avail concessions and if so, the timeline by when it would be done?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): 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to all categories of passengers (except 4 categories of Divyangjan, 11 categories of Patients and Students) have been withdrawn from 20.03.2020 till further advice. Representation/Request/Suggestions from different quarters have been received for restoration of all concessions. The matter has been examined but not found feasible.
