

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2340  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

**RAIL FARE TO SENIOR CITIZENS**

**2340. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the reasons for the withdrawal of discounted rail fares to senior citizens;**
- (b) whether the said move is permanent; and**
- (c) if not, the time by which the discounted train fare is likely to be resumed?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c): In view of Pandemic & Covid Protocol, with effect from 20.03.2020 Indian Railways has continued concession to only four categories of Divyangjan, eleven categories of Patients and Students. Due to challenges posed by Covid-19, total passenger revenue generated during 2020-21 is less in comparison to the year 2019-2020 Pre-Covid period. Cost of granting concessions weigh heavily on Railways, hence extending the scope of concessions to all categories of passengers including senior citizens is not desirable at present.**

**In spite of above challenges, Railways has continued to provide concessions to passengers namely four categories of Divyangjans, eleven categories of Patients, and Students.**

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