

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2757
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

REINTRODUCING CONCESSIONAL TICKETS TO JOURNALISTS, ETC

**2757. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:
SHRI JAGADISH SHETTAR:
SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any concession on train fares was given to Senior citizens, accredited journalists etc. during pre-covid times and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the aforementioned concession has been discontinued during COVID period and if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government can reintroduce the concessions to journalists and other categories that existed earlier as mark of gratitude towards their contribution to society and nation;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether other similar concessions were revoked during COVID times and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) any measures being contemplated to re-introduce IZZAT PASS to commuting poor skilled traversing 100 Kms. distance by trains as before and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (f): Indian Railways strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of ₹56,993 cr on passenger tickets in 2022-23. This amounts to concession of 46% on an average, to every

person, travelling on Railways. In other words for easier understanding, if the cost of providing service is ₹100, then the price of ticket is ₹54 only. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. Further, concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing for many categories like 4 categories of Persons with disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students.
