GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2243 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025

CONCESSION TO DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

2243. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN: SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR: SHRI PATEL UMESHBHAI BABUBHAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the areas in which concessions were given by the Ministry of Railways before the corona period to various categories of passengers travelling by trains including senior citizens, handicapped, children, accredited journalists along with the percentage respectively;
- (b) whether such concessions have been stopped;
- (c) if so, the time by which the concessions are likely to be restored; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and along with details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): 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.