

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3074
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

RESTORATION OF CONCESSION IN FARE TO SENIOR CITIZEN

3074. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not reinstating senior citizen concessions post-pandemic;**
- (b) whether the Government plans to restore senior citizens concessions in train fares;**
- (c) the details of alternative measures, if any, introduced by the Railways to support senior citizens after withdrawing the concession; and**
- (d) the details of the amount of revenue saved by Railways annually since the suspension of senior citizen concessions in March 2020?**

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 Rs. 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, if the cost of providing service is Rs. 100, then the price of ticket is Rs. 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.
