

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2820
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

CONCESSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

2820. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is reconsidering to give concessions in railway tickets to senior citizens;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the manner in which the Government benefited from discontinuing the concession of senior citizens in railway tickets and the reason for discontinuing the concession; and**
- (d) the extent of financial burden on Government by giving concessions to senior citizens and physically challenged persons in railway tickets?**

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. 60,466 crore on passenger tickets in 2023-24. This amounts to concession of 45% 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. 55 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.
