

Need to extend rail travel concessions to partially visually impaired persons - laid

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR (MUMBAI NORTH-WEST): Railway extends rail travel concessions to persons with disability. In the case of blindness, the rail travel concession is available to persons with 100% disability only and not to those whose disability is less than 100%. It has further been observed that persons with disabilities like hearing disability, the concession is available even if disability is upto 40% only. The denial of railway concession to partially blind persons has caused lot of difficulty to partially blind persons. This is huge injustice meted out to blind person with less than 100% blindness. I urge upon the Government to intervene immediately and carry out necessary amendments in the rules at the earliest to do away injustice being meted out to blind persons with less than 100% blindness.