

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

RESTORATION OF CONCESSIONS IN RAILWAYS

678. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to restore all concessions given to different categories of railway passengers prior to Covid-19 Pandemic;**
- (b) if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests for restoration of concession to the railway passengers;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Railways is giving any special passes to the patients who are suffering from rare and deadly diseases;**
- (f) if so, the details of such passes issued during the last five years, year, disease and State-wise;**
- (g) whether the Government has any plans to give more passes to the patients who are suffering from the other rare diseases; and**
- (h) if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678 BY SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.12.2023 REGARDING RESTORATION OF CONCESSIONS IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (h): Indian Railways always strives to provide affordable services to all strata of the society and gave subsidy of ₹59,837 crore on passenger tickets in 2019-20. This amounts to concession of 53% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. 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. About 18 lakh patients and their escorts availed this special concession during 2022-23.

Representations/Requests/Suggestions from different quarters are received through different channels at Division level, Zonal Railways, Ministry of Railways and even at station levels etc.
