

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2003
CONCESSIONAL MONTHLY SEASON TICKETS .
P.R. KHUTE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are issuing concessional monthly season tickets to poor commuters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria followed in this regard; and
- (c) the number of concessional season tickets issued during each of the last three years, till date, zone-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 77 BY SHRI P.R. KHUNTE T ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2003 REGARDING CONCESSIONAL MONTHLY SEASON TICKETS.

(a) & (b): Concessional monthly season tickets (MSTs) costing Rs. 25/- (including Safety Surcharge of Rs.10/-) are issued to persons working in unorganized sectors like agricultural labourers, construction workers, vegetable vendors, etc., having monthly income of less than Rs. 400 for commuting by Second class of Passenger trains between places of residence and work within 100 Kilometers. These Monthly Season Tickets are issued at the stations on surrendering a copy of the certificate issued by MPs/MLAs of their constituencies, supported by an income certificate given by the competent local Government official like Block Development Officer, Tehsildar etc. The original certificate will be produced for inspection at the time of purchasing the tickets and during journey.

(c) The number of concessional tickets issued during the last three years, zone-wise is as under :

Railway Nos. of tickets issued during the year

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Central	246	160	286
Eastern	218498	11305	12451
East Central	-	-	8
Northern	470	198	87
North Eastern	721	728	117
Northeast Frontier	5572	5361	5132
North Western	-	-	74
Southern	464778	371744	191
South Central	46284	44433	864
South Eastern	251032	440384	12168
Western	484	66	12
TOTAL	9,88,085	8,74,379	31,390