

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:234

ANSWERED ON:24.11.2005

. RAIL FARE CONCESSION TO SICKELCELL PATIENTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rail fare concession is being given to thalassemia patients;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is giving rail fare concession to the patients of sickelcell a similar disease to thalassemia;
- (c) if not, whether any demand has been made to provide concession to sickelcell patients in rail fare; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Due to financial constraints, it has not been found possible to agree to the request.