

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the accredited journalists are being given concession only on tickets of Mail and Express trains and not in tickets of local trains;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the amount of concession/being given on tickets of the said trains;
- (c) whether proposals have been received by the Railways to provide this facility also for local trains plying in metropolitan cities like Mumbai; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) Yes, Madam. At present, the element of concession given to accredited journalists is 50% in the basic fares of all classes of Mail/Express trains and on all the inclusive fares of Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi trains. Same element of concession is also admissible to the spouse of accredited press correspondents or the companion of accredited press correspondents who do not have spouse and dependent children upto 18 years of age for travelling twice during the financial year while travelling with him/her from the station serving the headquarters to any place and back.
- (b) Ordinary fares, applicable for local/passenger trains, are already highly subsidized. Therefore, no concession in the fares of local trains/passenger trains is given.
- (c) & (d) Representations are received at various administrative levels of Indian Railways from time to time on which action as found feasible and justified is taken. At present, there is no proposal to provide concessions in local trains.