

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:74  
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000  
CONCESSION IN PASSENGER FARES  
MOHAN RAWALE;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

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

- (a) whether the concession in passenger fares cost the Railways Rs. 120 crore every month on an average, and Rs. 1440 crore per year;
- (b) if so, the category of persons to whom these concessions are given;
- (c) whether Railways propose to review all the existing concessions given to various categories of travellers in view of losses suffered by the Railways;
- (d) if so, whether a separate fare regime is proposed for people with income less than Rs. two thousand per month so as to make rail transport affordable to them; and
- (e) if so, the criteria to be adopted to identify such low income people?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.
- (b): A statement is attached.
- (c): The concessions are reviewed from time to time depending upon the merits of individual cases.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) to Unstarred Question No. 74 by Shri Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy and Shri Mohan Rawale to be answered in Lok Sabha on 24.2.2000 regarding concession in passenger fares.

Concession on Indian Railways is being granted to the following categories of persons: -

Orthopaedically Handicapped/Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally retarded and Deaf & Dumb persons; Cancer, T.B./Lupas Valgaris, Non-infectious Leprosy, Thalassemia, Heart and Ostomy patients; Senior Citizens; Students; Teachers; Recipients of President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service after attaining the age of 60 years; Shram Awardee Industrial Workers; National Awardee Teachers; either of parent accompanying the National Bravery Awardee Child; War Widows; Widows of I.P.K.F. Personnel killed in action in Sri Lanka; Widows of Policemen killed in action against Terrorists and Extremists; National Integration Camps; Students and non-students participating in Work Camps; Unemployed youths appearing in interviews for jobs in PSUs; Cadets and Marine Engineers apprentices; Bharat Scouts & Guides; Kisans; Industrial Labourers; Delegates for attending Annual Conferences of certain organisations; Nurses & Midwives; St. John Ambulance; Relief Welfare ambulance Corps, Calcutta; Bharat Sewa Dal, Bangalore; Volunteers of Service Civil International; Artistes; Sportsmen; Press Correspondents; Persons working in unorganised sectors & earning less than Rs.400 per month.