

## UNIT - VI

### RAIL TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

#### General rules of concessions:

- ❖ The concession shall be allowed only on the basic fare.
- ❖ Mail/Express fare is charged even for travel by ordinary trains.
- ❖ Concessions are given subject to a minimum distance of 300 km. with some exceptions like Medical categories, students, sports persons etc.
- ❖ Concessions are allowed by Mail and Express trains when the journey is more than 500 km with some exceptions like Medical categories, students etc.
- ❖ Concession is generally granted only for II/SL class with some exceptions like Medical categories, Sports persons, Senior citizens etc.
- ❖ A Concession ticket holder will not be permitted to change the ticket to a higher class even by paying the difference between the actual fares.
- ❖ However, persons eligible for concession in I class can travel in AC 2 Tier by paying the I Class concession fare Plus actual difference between 2A and FC fare.
- ❖ Concession will not be given for extension of journey on concession ticket or for change of class of a concession ticket etc.
- ❖ No concession will be given when the cost of the journey is reimbursed.
- ❖ No person is allowed to avail more than one concession at a time.
- ❖ Concession is given only via normal and reasonably direct route.
- ❖ When return journey concession is given, outward and return journey should be performed by the same route.
- ❖ If the concession holder wants to change the route, he has to pay full fare for the portion of the journey not covered in the ticket.
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- ❖ The concession order can be exchanged either at originating station or destination, when it is addressed to either of them.
- ❖ Persons traveling with un-exchanged concession orders will be treated as traveling without ticket.
- ❖ Minimum fare is not applicable for concessions.
- ❖ On Concession given for journey for specific purpose, no Break journey is permitted. (e.g. Students, TB/Cancer patients.)
- ❖ No concession is allowed by Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains except to Senior citizens, President Police Medalists, Press Correspondents and Allopathic doctors.
- ❖ Normal Luggage rules are applicable for concession ticket holders too.

### RAIL TRAVEL CONCESSIONS TO DIFFERENT CATEGORY OF PERSONS

S. No.	Description	%	Class	Competent Authority to Issue Certificate
1	Trained Nurses/Midwives on the staff of recognized Hospitals/Nursing Institutions /Private practice traveling on duty or leave	25	SL/II	Secretary, Trained Nurses Assn. of India
2	Student Nurses/Student Midwives/Male Nurses undergoing training in Hospitals when traveling on duty/leave.	25	SL/II	Civil Surgeon/ Principal State Hospital/ Institution.
3	Students and Non-student youth traveling in groups of five to participate in work camps.	25	SI/II	Recognised Cultural / Educational Orgn.
4	Principals/H.M./ Teachers of recognized Primary/Secondary/ Hr. Sec. Schools on educational tours.	25	SL/II	Principals/H.M./D EO
5	Any Member of St. John/s Ambulance Brigade	25	SL/II	Secy./Asstt. Commissioner, St. John's Ambulance.
6	Volunteers of Service Civil International	25	SL/II	Secy. Service Civil International
7	All India Bodies of Educational, Cultural and Social Importance-persons attending annual sessions.	25	SL/II	Secretary, Organizing Body
8	Kisans visiting country's river valley/ other national projects/Industrial and Agricultural Exhibitions (Not less than 20)	25	SL/II	BD Officer, Dist. Agri. officer/ Auth. officer of the Govt.
9	Industrial Laborers visiting river valley & other National Projects (Not less than 20)	25	SL/II	-----Do-----
10	Senior citizens of age, 60 and above for both male and female	30	All	During journey, carry age proof.
11	Candidates of 5 to 12 years of age appearing in test conducted for merit scholarship award	50	SL/II	Director of Public Instructions.
12	Foreign Students studying in India	50	SL/II	Indian Council for Cultural relations
13	Student Nurses doing Degree or diploma course in nursing in a recognized university/Institution	50	SL/II	Principal of the Institution
14	Articled clerks registered under the Chartered Accountants regulations undergoing training	50	SL/II	Chartered Accountants

15	Students appearing for examinations as private candidates – Examinations conducted by the Boards of Education University/State/Union Govt.	50	SL/II	University/Examining Authorities
16	Youth participating in National Integration camp	50	SL/II	Secy. National youth project, New Delhi
17	Unemployed youth to attend interview for a job in Public Sector Undertaking	50	SL/II	Call letter from the Orgn., and attested copy of application form
18	Bharat Scouts and Girl Guides in uniform	50	SL/II	Secy./Commissioner of National/State Assn.
19	Bharat Seva Dal, Bangalore traveling in groups of not less than four for attending Camps/meetings including rallies.	50	SL/II	Secretary, Bharat Seva Dal
20	Cadets of Marine Engineer apprentices undergoing training	50	SL/II	Captain/Supdt., Trg. Ship Director/Officer-in-charge, Marine Engg. Trg. Course
21	Kisan attending annual convention by the Bharat Krishak Samaj.	50	SL/II	Secretary, Bharat Krishak Samaj
22	Industrial workers undergoing training with central Board of Workers Education (not less than 20)	50	SL/II	Director/Asstt. Director/Regional Director of Workers Education.
23	Deaf and Dumb persons	50	I/SL/II	Govt. Doctor
24	Teachers honored with National Award by President of India on Teacher's Day	50	SL/II	District Educational Officer
25	Police personnel of 60 years and above who have received President's Police medal for distinguished service	30	All classes	Photo identity card issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India
26	The Parent accompanying the National Bravery Award Winner Child	50	SL/II	Indian Council for Child Welfare
27	Completely Blind Persons with or without Escort	50 75	1A & 2A I/3A/ CC/ SL/II	RMP/Govt. Doctor
28	Blind Students (One escort free for every 2 such students)	75	I/SL/II	Head of Institution for Blind people

29	Mentally Retarded persons who cannot travel without an escort	75 Each	I/SL/II	Govt. Doctor
30	Mentally Retarded Students (One escort free for every 2 such students)	75	I/SL/II	Head of the Institution
31	Lupas Valoaris/T.B. patients with or without escort	75 Each	I/SL/II	Officer-in-charge of the recognized TB hospital
32	Cancer patients with or without escort	50 75	1A/2A FC/3A/ CC/SL/II	Officer-in-charge of the recognized Cancer hospital.
33	Orthopaedically Handicapped/ Paraplegic persons/patient who cannot travel without the assistance of an escort	50 75	1A/2A FC/3A/ CC/SL/II	Government Doctor
34	Non Infectious Leprosy patients	75	I/SL/II	Officer-in-charge Leprosy hospital
35	Thalassemia Major patients with or without escort	50 75	1A/2A FC/3A/ CC/SL/II	Officer-in-charge of recognized Hospital.
36	Heart patients traveling alone or with escort for heart surgery & discharge after surgery	75 EA CH	I/SL/II	----- Do -----
37	War Widows	75	SL/II	Dist. Sainik Board
38	Widows of IPKF personnel killed in Sri Lanka	75	SL/II	Dist. Sainik Board
39	Widows of Policemen/ Para military personnel killed in action against terrorist & Extremists	75	SL/II	Supdt./Dy. Commissioner of Police
40	Industrial Workers honored with Prime Minister's Shram Award	75	SL/II	Ministry of Labour
41	All games and athletic sports: Individuals/teams/coaches/managers/ Referees/Umpires (Without distance restriction) • To participate in sports events at State/ National /All India level. • To participate in Sports events at National (Other than All India Level meets) and International championships held in India.	50  75 75	I  SL/II I/SL/II	Secretary, State/national Associations.

42	• Professional entertaining companies/ Amateur Artists Theatrical Concert, Music Dancing & Magicians traveling alone or in groups	50 75	I SL/II	Central/State Sangeet Natak Academy
	• Students/Artists alone or in groups of the National School of Drama, New Delhi	50 75	I SL/II	National School of Drama
43	Students of recognized Educational Institutions going on vacation, educational tours and Research Scholars on research work : General Students	50	SL/II	Head of Educational Institutions
	SC/ST Students	50 of Gen Std.	SL/II	
44	President Police Medallists 60 years and above	30	All Classes	Photocopy of the Identity card
45	Foreign Railway employees (permitted by Rajdhani trains)	50	All Classes	Identity card issued by GM/P
46	Widows of martyrs of "Operation Vijay" in Kargil	75	II/SL classes	Photocopy of Identity card
47	Kidney patients for 'dialysis or transplant' with an escort	1A/2A 50 Other Class 75	I/II/SL	Medical Officer of the recognized hospital
48	Allopathic Doctors	10	All Classes	Registration Certificate given by MCI

#### **CONCESSION FOR BLIND PERSONS:**

- ❖ 'Completely Blind' persons are eligible for concession from a station to any station.
- ❖ Percentage of concession :
  - AC I Class and AC 2 Tier - 50%
  - Other Classes - 75%
- ❖ He may take one escort also in the same class on 50% or 75% concession.
- ❖ A certificate in the prescribed form issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner or the Head of a recognized blind institution should be produced.
- ❖ The certificate is valid for 5 years from the date of issue.
- ❖ Photo copy of the certificate is accepted, verified with the original & ticket is issued.
- ❖ The blind person need not come to the counter personally.
- ❖ While traveling the passenger should carry the original certificate.

- ❖ The escort of a blind child below 5 years gets concession, while the child travels 'free'.
- ❖ 'Seeing Eye dog' of a blind is allowed in I class and will be charged for 30 kg.
- ❖ Season ticket is issued to the Blind, collecting 50% of II class public fare.

#### **CONCESSION OF ORTHOPAEDICALLY HANDICAPPED:**

- ❖ Orthopaedically handicapped persons who cannot travel without escort are eligible for concession from any station to any station.
- ❖ Percentage of concession: (From 15/5/99)
  - AC I Class and AC 2 Tier - 50%
  - Other classes - 75%
- ❖ They are eligible for concession in all classes and by all trains except Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains.
- ❖ Escort is compulsory. Escort is also given the same concession.
- ❖ Passenger having this concession ticket found traveling without escort would be treated as traveling without ticket.
- ❖ A certificate in the prescribed form should be obtained from a Govt. Doctor.
- ❖ Validity of the certificate:

<b>Nature of Handicap</b>	<b>Age of the passenger in the certificate</b>	<b>Validity</b>
Temporary	Any Age	5 Years
Permanent	Upto 25 Years	5 Years
	26 to 35 Years	10 Years
	Above 35 Years	Life Time

- ❖ A photo copy of the certificate may be accepted and verified with the original certificate.
- ❖ The passenger should carry the original certificate while traveling. Otherwise he will be treated as traveling without ticket.
- ❖ Season tickets are issued on 50% concession to orthopaedically handicapped persons and their escorts. A combined ticket will be issued.
- ❖ Invalid chair/tri cycle/tri-cycle fitted with motor of a handicapped person shall be carried 'free' on production of a doctor certificate. The same can be carried as ICP if foldable and in BV if not foldable.
- ❖ An Orthopaedically handicapped child below 5 years shall be carried free while the escort will be given 50% or 75% concession according to the class of travel.



- ❖ A certificate in the prescribed form issued by a Govt. Doctor should be produced.
- ❖ The certificate is valid for 5 years from the date of issue.
- ❖ A Photo copy of the certificate can be accepted and verified with the original certificate to issue journey ticket.
- ❖ While traveling the passenger should carry the original certificate.
- ❖ Season tickets are also issued at 50% concession.

#### **CONCESSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:**

- ❖ Senior citizens (male & female) aged 60 yrs. and above are eligible for 30% concession.
- ❖ Concession is given in all classes and by all trains including Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains except ordinary trains.
- ❖ No concession certificate is required at the time of purchasing the ticket.
- ❖ During journey, they should carry some age proof and must show it on demand.
- ❖ If the passenger is not able to produce proof for age at the time of travel, the difference between full fare & concessional fare will be collected.
- ❖ The age of the passenger should be noted on the ticket at the time of issue.
- ❖ Senior citizens are eligible for concession on circular journey ticket, if the distance is more than 1000 km.

#### **CONCESSION FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH:**

- ❖ Unemployed youth traveling to attend interviews to secure jobs in the following are eligible for 50% concession in SL/II class:
  - Central/State Government
  - Statutory bodies like Municipal Corporation, University etc.
  - Public sector undertakings
  - They are issued a 'free ticket' in II class only for attending interviews in Central/State Government organizations.
- ❖ The concession is granted upto the age of 35 years.
- ❖ Return journey ticket will be issued on payment of single journey fare.
- ❖ The ticket is valid for 10 days from the date of commencement of outward journey.
- ❖ The following should be submitted at the time of purchasing the ticket:
  - Attested copy of the application form submitted by the candidate to the concerned organization.

- Attested copy of the call letter from the organization indicating the date, time and venue of interview.
- ❖ The concession is not given when T.A./D.A. is paid by the organization.

### **CONCESSION FOR POLICE MEDALLISTS:**

- ❖ Police personnel who have received the President's police medal for distinguished service and are 60 years of age or above are granted 30% concession.
- ❖ Concession is given in all classes including Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.
- ❖ A photo copy of the Identity card issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, and New Delhi should be produced.
- ❖ The Photo Identity card will have the following details:
  - Name
  - Date of birth and Sex
  - Certification that the Person is a recipient of President's Police Medal.
  - Signature of the Recipient
  - Signature and seal of the issuing official.
- ❖ The original Identity card is to be verified while issuing ticket and during travel.

### **CONCESSION FOR FOREIGN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ON RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT:**

- ❖ Employees of Foreign Railway are given 50% concession for their travel in Indian Railways.
- ❖ The employee should produce a letter of introduction of GM/P.
- ❖ An Identity card will be issued to the employee.
- ❖ He can travel any number of times from anywhere to anywhere in Indian Railways.
- ❖ The Identity card number will be noted in the ticket.
- ❖ They are eligible to travel by Rajdhani/Shatabdi train also.

### **STUDENTS CONCESSION:**

- ❖ Bonafide students of all recognized educational institutions are eligible for concession in II/SL class.
- ❖ Concession is given as follows:
  - General students - 50% of public fare
  - SC/ST students - 50% of general students fare
- ❖ Age limit:
  - General students - up to 25 years

- SC/ST students - up to 27 years
- Research scholars - up to 35 years
- ❖ For SC/ST students, a certification should be made by the head of the institution in the concession order itself, or, a separate community certificate should be produced.
- ❖ Concessions are given under the following circumstances only:
  - To go to hometown during vacation after an examination.
  - To return to the institution after vacation.
  - To attend merit scholarship examination.
  - To attend an examination, nor for the purpose of employment.
  - To travel from institution to training centre.
  - To travel from one training centre to another training centre.
  - On educational tours in parties of not less than 10 students.
- ❖ A concession order issued by the head of the institution shall be produced in original in 2 foils. (Railway foil, Students foil).
- ❖ Validity of the concession order (from the date of issue):
  - For outward journey - 14 days
  - For Return journey - 3 months
- ❖ Journey should be performed during the vacation period mentioned in the concession order under the seal and signature of the issuing authority the journey may be commenced one day before & one day after the vacation period.
- ❖ Exchange of concession order:
  - Each institution may select a maximum of 4 stations serving their area to exchange the concession order.
  - The institution should provide these 4 stations with the specimen signature and seal of the issuing authority.
  - Before exchanging the concession order, the seal and signature should be verified with the specimen available.
  - In case of return journey concession, the order should be verified and an endorsement should be made on the order as "Verified and found correct" under the seal and signature of SM.
  - The order will not be exchanged at the return journey commencing station without the above endorsement.
  - The order can be exchanged for a ticket at both the starting station as well as destination when it is addressed to either of them.
  - Alteration or overwriting makes the concession orders null and void.
  - The student should sign on the Student's foil in the presence of S.M. and should be verified with the signature available in the Railway foil.
  - The journey ticket is issued along with the students foil.
  - The Railway foil is submitted to accounts office with monthly returns.

## EDUCATIONAL TOUR:

- ❖ Bonafide students are eligible for concession for their educational tours.
- ❖ Minimum number of students:
  - Post graduates - 3 (if the total strength of the course is less than 10 and certified so by the issuing authority)
  - Nepal students - 15
  - Others - 10
- ❖ Escorts:

Student	Age	One Escort for	Concession
Girl Students	Any age	4	50%
Boy Students	Below 12 yrs.	4	50%
	12 yrs. & above	10	50%
Handicapped	12 yrs. & above	5	50%
Blind/Mentally Retired	Any age	2	Free

Teaching and non-teaching staff of the same institution may travel as escort on 50% concession. Students get concession on circular journey tickets also.

## CONCESSION FOR STUDENTS FROM GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IN RURAL AREAS:

The students of Govt. schools situated in rural areas will be granted 75% concession in second class fares when traveling on study tour, once in a year. The Head Master/Head Mistress/Principal of the concerned school will additionally endorse the existing concession certificate that the school is a Govt. School located in the rural area and that the concerned student has not availed the 75% concession in current financial year. The concession will be granted in second class only and not in sleeper class. The concession will be admissible in basic Mail/Express fares only while all other charges (i.e. reservation fee, super fast surcharge, safety surcharge, etc.) will be realized in full. Concession will continue to be admissible directly at already nominated station subject to other condition applicable to the rule quoted in para 1 above. This 75% concession in second class will be admissible for travel in groups of not less than 20 and the escort, as admissible under to rule mentioned in para 1 above, will also be granted 75% concession. The existing 50% concession admissible under the rule mentioned in para 1 above will continue to be available subject to condition applicable therewith. Return tickets will be valid for a period of three months from the commencement of the outward journey.

### **ADVANCE RESERVATION FOR STUDENTS:**

- ❖ Students are permitted to make advance reservation on payment of full fare.
- ❖ Subsequently, before starting journey, when the concession order is produced, the concession amount will be refunded and a fresh ticket issued to them.
- ❖ The original reservation will be retained.
- ❖ A Clerkage charge of Rs. 10/- will be collected.