

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3587
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2002
COFFINS/KAFFANS TO DEAD BODIES AT ACCIDENT SITES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways do not provide sufficient number of coffins/kaffans and ice slabs for the dead bodies, at the accident site;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether dirty and torn bed sheets are provided to dead bodies at the accident site;
- (d) whether no payment were made to rescue workers and no meals were provided;
- (e) whether relatives of accidents victims are provided food;
- (f) if so the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3587 BY RAMJEE MANJHI TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2002 REGARDING COFFINS/KAFFANS TO DEAD BODIES AT ACC SITES

(a) to (g) : Each Accident Relief Medical Equipment Van (ARME) is provided with 40 number of shrouds (Kaffans), which are used for covering dead bodies at the accident spot. Dirty and torn bed sheets are not used but only clean shrouds/kaffans are used to cover dead bodies.

Ice slabs are not provided in the ARMEs as they can not be stored for obvious reason. They are procured locally.

Coffins are also not stored items in ARMEs, which, when required, are procured from local or nearby markets.

Payment for rescue work as well as food for rescue workers is made available at the site of accident. Besides, food is also provided to the relatives of accident victims as per prevailing situation.