

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:75
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
DANGER OF SEALED AC COMPARTMENTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Research Designs & Standard Organisation has been drawn to the danger of sealed AC compartments during derailments and fires and other accidents.
- (b) whether the Government are aware that passengers cannot get out of AC compartments at the time of accidents;
- (c) whether RDSO has made any plans to change the design of such coaches;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) The time by which the newly designed coaches would be made available to Railways; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.75 BY SHRI A. BRAHMANAI/ BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2002 REGARDING DANGER OF SEALED AC COMPARTMENTS.

(a)&(b) The air conditioned coaches are quite safe and in case of accidents, passengers can get out of the air conditioned coaches by breaking the window glasses as there are no safety bars on the windows.

(c)&(d) In order to further facilitate emergency exit from air conditioned coaches in case of accidents, RDSO has designed emergency exit windows which can be opened without breaking the glass, and coaches provided with such windows are already available in service. The design of the emergency exit window is being further improved to make it suitable for air conditioned coaches with wider Windows.

(e) Air conditioned coaches, with such improved emergency exit windows, are expected to become available within next one year.

(f) Does not arise.