

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ATTACHMENT OF CRASH WORTHY DOORS IN LONG DISTANCE TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that at the time of train accidents many passengers die as it takes a lot of time to cut the door of the train and take out the passengers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government had decided to attach `Crash Worthy Doors` in long distance trains in order to rescue the people at the time of accident;
- (c) whether the provision to provide such facility in trains has been implemented;
- (d) if so, the details of trains in which such doors have been attached;
- (e) if not, the reasons for not providing such facility in trains; and
- (f) the time by which the plan of `Crash Worthy Doors` is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) No, Sir. There is no concept of `Crash Worthy Doors` in trains. However, Emergency Exit Windows are provided in all passenger coaches so that in case of accidents, passengers can get out of the coaches easily. Railways are also pursuing design developments to enhance the overall crashworthiness of coach bodies which includes doors made of Fibre Reinforced Plastic which can be broken with less effort than steel doors.