

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4343  
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HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE RAILWAY STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some suggestions have been received by the Railways to make railway stations more accessible to handicapped people in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by Railways to implement these suggestions; and
- (d) the funds allocated for this purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Various representations are received from Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Very Important Persons and general Public for providing facilities for the handicapped persons at stations on Indian Railways including those in the State of West Bengal. The demands made therein include provision of ramps for barrier free entry, non-slippery walkaway, disabled friendly drinking water taps, toilets, separate parking etc. suited to the needs of handicapped persons.

(c): Railways have decided to provide above facilities under short-term plan. Moreover, in long-term action plan, Railways have planned to provide facility of inter-platform transfer by providing ramps on Foot over Bridge/subway or lifts. In the first Phase, the facilities are planned to be provided at `A` category stations.

(d): No separate funds are allocated for these works and these works are financed from the provision made under the Plan Head `Passenger Amenities` (The funds allotted under this Planhead is Rs. 215 crore for the year 2004-05).