

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STALLS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways allot/authorize Vendors for sale of miscellaneous articles at railway stations/platforms;
- (b) if so, the details of items permitted for sale to a Miscellaneous Article Vendors at the railway station/platforms; and
- (c) the details of items permitted for sale by a Chemist Stall at the railway stations/ platforms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): As per extant guidelines, Railways allot stalls/trolleys for the sale of miscellaneous articles which are essential and incidental to the travelling public except eatables etc. subject to the commitments based on the policy guidelines and contractual provisions.

(c): Chemist shops/chemist corners are provided to generally cater to the requirements of travelling passengers for OTC (over the counter) medicines. Drugs other than the OTC are dispensed only on the prescription of the registered medical practitioner. In addition the chemist shops/corners sell other such items as mentioned in the agreement executed with the Railway administration.