

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL PROVISION FOR DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have made any provisions of easy access of Trains/Stations and facilities for the disabled persons; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): To permit easy access to the disabled persons, standard ramps, non-slippery walkways, wheel chairs, earmarked parking lots for vehicles used by disabled persons, signage etc. have been provided at 'A-1' and 'A' category Railway Stations and planned for completion at 'B' category stations by March, 2010.

Toilets and water taps suitable for needs of the disabled passengers, 'May I help you' booths etc. have also been provided at such Stations/Platforms.

Railways have also planned to provide facility of inter platform transfer and engraving on edges of Platforms. Inter platform transfer facility has been planned by way of connecting all the platforms at the stations through FOB/SUBWAY with ramps or by providing lift at each platform to connect FOB/SUBWAY. A work for provision of 50 escalator/lifts has been sanctioned for major stations of all Zonal Railways.

Indian Railways also have about 1600 passenger coaches which have a separate compartment specially designed for wheel chair borne passengers. These compartments have facilities like wider entrance door, wider aisle and knee space to permit easy movement of wheel chair, toilets adapted to need of such passengers, arrangements for securing wheel chair during the journey etc.