

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to extend the fare concession facility to physically handicapped persons in Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the quantum of concession to be provided; and
- (c) the time by which this facility is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a): Concession has already been extended in Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains to the following categories of persons:-

- (i) Orthopaedically handicapped/Paraplegic persons who cannot travel without an escort (w.e.f 1.6.2011);
- (ii) completely blind persons (w.e.f 1.7.2011); and
- (iii) Mentally challenged persons who cannot travel without an escort (w.e.f 1.7.2011).

(b): The element of concession is 25% in 3-AC and AC Chair Car of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains respectively. Same element of concession is also admissible to one escort accompanying each such person.

(c): Does not arise.