

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3487
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CONCESSION TO DEAF AND DUMB PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the fact that deaf and dumb persons and their escorts are not given concessions in AC coaches of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any action is taken/being taken to allow them the concession at par with other disabled persons; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Deaf and Dumb persons (both impairments together in the same person) are granted 50% concession in Second, Sleeper and First class in all Mail and Express trains other than Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Jan Shatabdi and Garib Rath trains. One escort is also granted the same amount of concession. Railways grant concession to various categories of passengers. Due to financial constraints, the scope of concessions is not being enlarged as a matter of policy.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.