

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy of the Railways for allotment of PCO/STD/ISD/ FAX booths at Railway Stations;
- (b) whether handicapped people are being given preferential allotment; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The policy for allotment of PCO/STD/ISD/FAX booths at railway stations stipulates that tender/applications be invited through advertisements in newspapers. A two packet tendering is followed in respect of booths at A1, A, B & C category stations and allotment is done by calling for applications in respect of D, E & F category stations. 50% booths are reserved for the educated unemployed youth, 25% for physically handicapped (including blind) with disability of 40% and above and 25% for women (including war widows and widows of railway employees). In all the above categories, 15% booths are reserved for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27% for OBCs. Contract is initially given for period of 5 years and is extendable by another 5 years based on satisfactory service.