

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2254

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FIRST AID FACILITIES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the long distance trains have first aid facilities including advance first aid boxes;
- (b) if so, whether the Railway employees are trained for providing first aid to ill, injured passengers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the pilot project in Duranto trains have proved successful with regard to availability of Doctors and para-medical staff along with life saving drugs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken for ensuring timely medical facilities including first aid to needy passengers during travelling?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Madam. All long distance passenger carrying trains are provided with First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wide range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train superintendents of Rajdhani/ Shatabdi Express trains and Guards of other nominated trains.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Training programme in First Aid is imparted to railway personnel, specially those deployed on station and on-board train. The staff is deputed for refresher courses including First Aid training at regular intervals.

(d) & (e): The pilot project of deployment of doctors in Duronto Trains has not been found to be very useful for the passengers due to technical constraints faced by doctors deployed on trains. In view of this it has been decided to discontinue deployment of doctors and para-medical staff in Duronto Trains having a run of less than 6 hours. However, it has been decided to deploy a para-medic trained in "Emergency Medical Response (EMR)" with all essential life saving medicines and equipments in place of a doctor in Duronto Trains having more than 6 hours' run.

(f): First Aid Boxes have been provided on all passenger carrying long distance trains and Augmented First Aid Boxes have been provided in nominated trains. The front line staff deployed on trains is trained in rendering First Aid. Services of doctors traveling as passengers are utilized to attend to passengers who are in need of urgent medical assistance. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in emergencies. The Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics & hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be availed, in emergencies.