

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF WHEELCHAIRS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railway stations across the country particularly in South States have not been provided with sufficient number of wheelchairs as well as porters to man the wheelchairs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Railways to provide basic amenities to passengers at Railway Stations?

Answer

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

- (a): By and large, adequate number of wheelchairs have been provided at stations, including stations in South. Licensed porters for rendering assistance on payment of charges are also available.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Minimum Essential Amenities (MEA) have already been provided as per norms at all stations including stations in South India. 373 stations have been developed as model stations having improved facilities.