

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1254  
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2013  
CONVERSION OF STD PCO BOOTHS TO MULTI PURPOSE STALLS  
Tarai Shri Bibhu Prasad

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

- (a) whether the Railways have received any representation from various sources regarding conversion of STD/PCO booth into multi purpose stall operated by handicapped persons at Railway Stations on humanitarian grounds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal for rehabilitation of handicapped persons operating STD/PCO booth since long for their livelihood; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Some representations including from Members of Parliament have been received for conversion of STD/PCO booth into multi-purpose stall operated by handicapped persons. There is no policy to convert STD/PCO booths into multi-purpose stalls, at present.

(c) & (d): Permission has been granted for sale of SIM cards (new connections), mobile phones and related accessories on payment of certain additional licence fee in the existing STD/PCO Booths. General Managers of Zonal Railways have been delegated power for granting extension of one year on the basis of satisfactory performance of the licensee, etc.