

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2014
MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS
Mahajan Smt. Sumitra

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether primary health facilities along with upgraded facilities and emergency medical facilities etc. are available in long distance trains and railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether railways staff are trained for providing first aid to the sick and injured passengers and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the pilot project for providing life saving drugs/ medicines along with doctors and para medical staff in Duronto trains has been successful and if so, the details thereof;and
- (e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Railways to ensure medical facilities and first aid to needy passengers during journeys?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.237 BY SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.02.2014 REGARDING MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS.

(a) & (b) 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 at model stations and with the Train Superintendents of Rajdhani/ Shatabdi Express trains and Guards of other nominated trains.

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

(d) The Pilot project of deployment of doctors in Duronto Trains has not been found to be very useful for the passengers. 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 paramedic staff 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.

(e) 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 stations, so that their services could also be availed in emergencies.