GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3470 ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009 FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS Ananth Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are considering any proposal to change the location of coaches meant for disabled persons in the various trains; and
- (b) the other steps taken by the Railways to facilitate disabled and physically challenged people both in trains as well as at Railway Stations?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.
- (b) In pursuance to implementation of Disability Act, amenities to make stations more accessible to handicapped persons have been planned to be provided in a phased manner. In the first phase, all A-1 and A category stations have been provided with standard ramp, parking lots, non-slippery walkway, signages, toilets, water taps, "May I Help You" booths and wheel chairs. These facilities have been planned for completion at all B category stations by March 2010. For stations of other categories, these facilities are proposed to be suitably equipped subsequently.