

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken necessary steps to ensure availability of doctors and first aid facility in case of emergency in long distance running trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) First Aid Facilities are provided for traveling passengers in all the long distance trains. Proposal to depute a doctor on few long distance trains, having practically no stoppages en-route, is under process.

(b) All long distance passenger carrying trains are provided with First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and dressing materials. The First Aid Box is available with the Guard of the train. In addition, Augmented First Aid Boxes with wider 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. Services of doctors traveling as passengers are also utilized to attend to passengers who are in need of urgent medical assistance. The front line staff viz. Train Superintendents, Train-Conductors, Traveling Ticket Examiners, etc. are also trained in rendering first aid. 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. In addition, a database has also been developed regarding availability of the non-railway medical facilities along railway tracks and at stations en-route, for providing emergency medical care to sick passengers in the Trains.

(c) Does not arise.