

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2036

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STD PCO AT RAILWAY STATIONS

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

(a) whether the Railways have received representations regarding conversion of STD/PCO booths into multipurpose stalls operated by handicapped persons at railway stations on humanitarian ground;

(b) if so, the action initiated by the Railways thereon;

(c) whether any policy framed for rehabilitation of those handicapped persons who are operating STD/PCO booth since long and solely dependent on these booths for livelihood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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.