

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to make medical and communication services compulsory in trains across the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (c) the time-frame set for implementation of these services?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): For providing First Aid to needy railway passengers, First Aid Boxes have been provided on all passenger carrying trains and Augmented First Aid Boxes have been provided in nominated long distance trains. Front line staff deployed on trains are trained in rendering First Aid. Services of doctors travelling as passengers are also 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. Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics and hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station so that their services could also be availed in emergencies.

As regards telecommunication service, there is no proposal to make it compulsory in trains across the country.