

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF DISABLED
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have formulated any policy for rehabilitation of the handicapped persons who are operating STD/PCO booth at railway stations since long as their livelihood in view of the reduced use of these booths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the policy guidelines for operation of STD/PCO booths at stations, 25% of the booths are reserved for the physically handicapped persons. The existing PCO Booth holders have also been permitted to sell mobile recharge coupons on payment of certain additional license fee. Further, they have also been permitted to sell SIM Cards (new connection) and mobile phones & related accessories at railway stations on payment of additional license fee for each additional item as per category of station.