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Title: Need to provide wheel chairs and escalators at Railway Platforms for physically handicapped and elderly people.

\*SHRI M. VENUGOPALA REDDY (NARASARAOPET): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the need to provide wheelchairs and escalators at the railway platforms not only in Andhra Pradesh but also in other metro cities like Chennai Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata.

As we are well aware that in railway stations, passengers have to change the platforms. But the old-aged and physically handicapped passengers are facing lot of difficulties in climbing the steps at railway platforms. Families who are accompanying such old-aged and other physically handicapped passengers have to carry them or to assist them in climbing the steps with great difficulty from one platform to another.

I request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to kindly take steps in establishing escalators and providing sufficient wheelchairs at each and every railway station in the remaining Eleventh Five Year Plan to help the old aged and physically handicapped passengers to have a comfortable and smooth journey.

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