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Title: Need to provide a medical aid coach in every express trains

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In long distance trains there are around 1500 to 2000 passengers. Hence in order to provide proper emergency medical attention to avoid sudden death due to cardiac arrest, hypertension, stroke etc., I urge the Government to provide in each and every express trains, a medical aid coach consisting of at least one general physician, one pediatrician and three nursing attendants with first aid and life-saving drugs to be made readily available in case of emergency.