

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COACHES WITH LIFE SAVING DEVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways run any special coaches attached to trains which are adequately equipped with life saving devices, medicines including qualified doctors and nursing staff to attend patients with serious and chronic ailments on board in case of emergency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the trains in which this facility is currently available;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to extend this facilities to the other trains also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, train-wise; and
- (e) the other measures taken/to be taken by the Railways to provide medical aid/facilities to the passengers in running trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) First Aid boxes are provided with guards of all Mail/Express and passenger trains. Augmented First Aid Boxes containing additional First Aid items, medicines and equipments are provided in nominated trains. The frontline staff i.e. guards, Travelling Ticket examiners, Conductors are a trained force who are able to render First Aid to passengers in running trains. Passengers, who are suddenly taken ill can requisition medical help from Railway Doctors enroute who render the same at prescribed nominal charges. Doctors travelling and willing to render professional help are given 10% concession on printed fare for their journeys.