

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES AT NEW JALPAIGURI AND HALDIBARI RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received requests for Foot Over Bridge at Haldibari Railway Stations and two more platforms at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that proper/better drinking water facility is also not available at New Jalpaiguri Railway Station;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Stations have been categorized, for the provision of passenger amenities, in "A" to "F" categories based on the passenger traffic handled and the annual passenger earnings therefrom. Haldibari station is an "E" category terminal station and as per the laid down norms, Foot over Bridge (FOB) is not an essential amenity at this category of station.

At New Jalpaiguri station, nine passenger platforms are available which are considered adequate for the current traffic. Adequate drinking water arrangements have also been made at this station. 61 taps, 2 water huts/trolleys and 2 water coolers are available. Augmentation of drinking water arrangements is a continuous process and the same is undertaken as warranted by growth in passenger traffic.