

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL TRAVEL CONCESSIONS TO DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Rail Travel Concessions to the disabled persons are not at all provided in many trains like Shatabdi Express, Rajdhani Express and other special trains;
- (b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is persistent demands from public representatives, social organizations and disabled welfare federations for providing rail travel concession for the disabled in all the trains and in all the classes without any discrimination; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government to provide such facility in Shatabdi, Rajdhani and other special trains?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Concession to disabled persons is granted in all trains except premium trains like Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi trains which are well patronized. Requests for grant of concession to disabled persons in these premium trains have been received. Due to financial constraints, the proposal can not be accepted.