

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL COACH FOR HANDICAPPED PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new design of Second Class, Guard-cum-luggage type coach for handicapped passengers has been inducted by the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details, in the regard;
- (c) the details of trains with which such coaches are attached/likely to be attached, zone-wise; and
- (d) the manner in which the Railways inform the handicapped passengers about such coaches in various trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIR. VELU)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A new design of Second Class, Guard cum luggage type coach (SLR) with accommodation adopted to the need of handicapped passengers has been introduced in new built of such coach since April 2001. These coaches have special facilities like wider door- way , aisle and knee space to permit easy movement of wheel chair. Toilet adopted to the needs of disabled persons have also been provided.
- (c) Alongwith the disabled friendly coaches the earlier design would also continue to remain in service till these are phased out in normal course. Presently both designs run interchangeably in trains.
- (d) Such coaches providing additional facility to handicapped persons bear the relevant notice on the body of the coach which can be clearly seen by the passengers.