

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAISING OF LEVEL OF PLATFORMS OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Railways that the level of platforms of many railway stations in Karnataka is quite lower than the last step of passenger bogie resulting in a lot of inconvenience to passengers specially to senior citizens and handicapped persons; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to raise the platforms of those railway stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI.RATHWA)

(a) & (b) Railway stations are classified in to 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' & 'F' categories based on earnings from Passenger traffic at a station. Differential scale of amenities is provided based on category of station. As per norms for Minimum Essential Amenities, the height of platform is High level at 'A' & 'C' category, Medium level at 'B' & 'D' category and Rail level at 'E' & 'F' category irrespective of rural or urban areas. The required level of platform as per category of station has been provided at all stations. However, number of works has been/are being sanctioned from time to time for raising and extension of platforms as a part of up-gradation of stations based on importance of station and inter-se-priorities.