

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1166  
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BOOKSTALL ALLOTMENT POLICY  
Annayagari Shri Sai Prathap

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering not to allot bookstalls to any party for more than three years at a time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some contractors are running bookstalls at platforms with the same name and style for a number of years; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to break the monopoly of such contractors ?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir. M/s A.H. Wheelers and M/s Higginbothams are the major bookstall licencees operating their bookstall at various stations of Indian Railways for a number of years.

(d): A New Revised Bookstall Policy -2004 has been formulated with a view to do away with the monopoly and to give a fair chance to different sections of society.