

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON**

LACK OF PASSENGER FACILITIES IN DURONTO EXPRESS .

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Shri Motilal Vora

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT RAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that 14 passengers on Duronto Express going from Delhi to Ernakulam had fallen ill after taking the morning breakfast;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is an arrangement of just 25 bed-roll for 72 passengers in sleeper class and there is no arrangement of blankets, bed sheets, pillows and towels in A.C. Coach of Duronto Express;
- (c) whether it is necessary to mention about blanket, bed-roll etc. in Duronto train while booking for the ticket;
- (d) whether passengers are facing difficulty for not having such provision in the reservation form; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to remove the difficulties of passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a): There was an incident of food poisoning in Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Duronto Express on 17.5.2010 at Kozhikode, 19 passengers were hospitalized and 11 required OPD treatment.

(b): No, Sir. All passengers of AC class coaches are provided with complete bed rolls. As far as sleeper class passengers are concerned, the bed rolls are supplied on demand. Space has been earmarked on the sleeper class coaches for stacking of bed rolls.

(c): Only sleeper class passengers of Duronto Express trains are required to indicate the requirement of bed rolls while booking their tickets. Bed roll includes blanket.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.