

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 19.11.2010

ANSWERED ON

SPECIALLY RESERVED COACHES FOR DISABLED PASSENGERS .

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Smt. Kanimozhi

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether reserved coaches for disabled passengers have been restored;
- (b) the trains which currently have the facility of specially reserved coaches for the disabled and the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to provide ticket reservation facilities for the differently-abled persons and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.154 BY SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 19.11.2010 REGARDING SPECIALLY RESERVED COACHES FOR DISABLED PASSENGERS.

(a) : Specially designed Second class Luggage cum Guard coaches, known as SLRD coaches, have been declared as unreserved coaches, fully earmarked for physically handicapped persons in all Mail/Express trains (except fully reserved trains). Further, in all Mail/Express trains a reservation quota of 2 Sleeper Class berths per train(lower berth for handicapped person and middle berth for the escort), which was withdrawn after introduction of SLRD coaches, has also been restored.

b): At present, about 680 pairs of Mail/Express trains except special type trains (Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Jan Shatabdi, AC Special & Duronto) have been provided with one SLRD coach. Further, all Garib Rath trains have been provided with coach having accommodation for physically handicapped persons.

(c) : In addition to attachment of SLRD coaches & earmarking of reservation quota of 2 Sleeper class berths for differently abled persons, separate reservation ticket counters are also earmarked for them at major reservation centers.