

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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RAMP FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS

2371. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received representations from various quarters to provide ramp facility to board/alight the train particularly for senior citizens, wheelchair bound passengers, differently able persons;
- (b) whether Government is considering installation of ramp facility at the entry doors of the coaches facilitating hassle free boarding/alighting for the needy passengers; and
- (c) whether Government is considering redesigning the coaches to bring down the level of entry passage/door to that of platform level so as to avoid the steep and narrow steps to board/alight the train?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS &
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The provision of ramps at the entry of the coach either fixed or auto retractable is not feasible. However, in order to facilitate needy passenger to board/alight the train, following initiatives have been taken by Ministry of Railways:

(i) Indian Railway has incorporated Disabled Friendly Integral Coach Factory (ICF) design Second class cum Luggage cum Guard Van & Disabled Friendly Compartment (SLRD) coaches.

These coaches have a suitably designed compartment & toilet adapted to the needs of the divyangjans/wheelchair borne passengers. In these coaches, wider entrance door, wider berths, wider compartments, larger lavatory and lavatory doors, etc. have been provided. Inside the toilets additional grab rails on the side walls for support and wash basin and mirror at a lower height are also available. It is endeavoured to have at least one such coach in each Mail/Express train having ICF type coaches.

(ii) Further, Production units have already started manufacturing Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Second Luggage, Guard and Divyang Compartment (LSLRD) type coaches for Divyang Passengers. These coaches have, wider entrance door to enable easy access of wheel chair, wider sleeping berths, wider compartments to enable access of wheel chair along with locking arrangement for wheel chairs. One separate Larger Lavatory and Lavatory doors, etc. have also been provided.

(iii) Further, all Production Units have been advised to provide at least two doors of 920 mm width one on each side of the coach in all newly manufactured coaches.
