

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1398**  
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**NEW COACHES FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

1398 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has any plans to introduce new coaches for physically challenged and senior citizens in trains to make train travel more convenient for them; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): Indian Railways has already been facilitating a separate compartment earmarked for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in last vehicle LSLRD/SLRD (Second class cum Luggage cum Guard Van & Disabled Friendly Compartment) marshalled in almost all Mail/Express trains operating with both Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) & Integral Coach Factory (ICF) coaches. These coaches have wider entrance doors, wider berths, wider compartments, larger lavatory with wider doors, wheel chair parking area, etc. Inside the toilets, additional grab rails on the side walls for support and wash basin and mirror at a suitable height are also available.

Besides, in all Vande-Bharat trains, the driving coaches on each end have the provision of similar facilities for Divyangjan like automatic plug type wide entrance door, earmark space for parking wheel chair, larger lavatory area for complete movement of wheel chair, Braille signage, low height wash basin, western commode with handrails at suitable height etc.

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