

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

FIRST AID IN TRAINS

1230. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether first aid facilities and first aid boxes are available in all the trains running in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether adequate staff has been deployed in Railways to provide first aid treatment to sick/wounded passengers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether any pilot projects in respect of various trains for the purpose especially in Duronto/Rajdhani/ other long distance trains have been successful;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure timely medical assistance/first aid to the needy passengers during the journey period?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 3224 of 2006 had directed that a Committee of experts be constituted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi for

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recommending the medical facility in trains and at stations for rendering emergency medical care to passengers. All the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented in Railways.

(c) : Yes, Madam. Front-line staff deployed on trains and at railway stations have been trained in rendering First Aid. They are also deputed for regular refresher courses.

(d) & (e) : No, Madam. A pilot project of deployment of doctors in Durgam Chattri Trains was undertaken for a period of two years. During the Pilot Project, it was noted that serious patients could not be treated on board and had to be de-trained for medical treatment at a hospital only because the medical diagnostic equipments, such as ECG machines etc. do not function properly on the trains due to noise/vibration.

(f) : All the recommendations of the expert Committee constituted by AIIMS, New Delhi have been implemented which includes modified First Aid Boxes containing wide range of life saving medicines and materials required for rendering First Aid, provision of oxygen and training of front-line staff in rendering First Aid.
