

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 536
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

PROPOSAL FROM COOLIES

536. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the Railways is not able to take any initiative to stop unjustified human exploitation just for the reason that it didn't receive any proposal for coolies across the country with upgraded tools to carry heavy baggage of passengers; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for non-availability of tools for carrying baggage ?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a)&(b): Provision exists for free use of Railways' light trollies/hand barrows, wherever available, by Sahayaks (licensed porters) for carriage of passenger's luggage. Apart from this, no proposal with regard to provision of upgraded tools for use of Sahayaks to carry heavy baggage of the passengers is under consideration in this Ministry at present.