

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5238
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINS

5238. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether medical assistance facilities are available in the trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has the data of persons who died while travelling in trains due to the delay or absence of medical assistance;**
- (d) if so, whether the Government would initiate to facilitate a medical team with first aid and basic facilities in every long distance train; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a), (b), (d) & (e): In compliance of orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court and as recommended by Committee of experts constituted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), instructions have been issued to provide a Medical Box containing life saving medicines, equipments, oxygen cylinder etc. at all Railway stations and passenger carrying trains. Front line staff i.e. Train Ticket Examiner, Train Superintendents, Assistant Station Master etc. are trained in rendering First Aid. Regular refresher courses are conducted for such staff. List of near-by hospitals

and doctors along with their contact numbers is available at all Railway Stations. Ambulance services of Railways, State Government/Private Hospitals and ambulance service providers are utilized to transport the injured sick passengers to the hospitals/doctor's clinics.

A Pilot Project of deployment of doctors with paramedic staff 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.

(c): No, Sir.
