

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 54
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINS

***54. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of medical assistance/ facilities being provided by the Government in the trains;**
- (b) whether the Government maintains data of persons who died while travelling in trains due to absence of medical assistance and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to facilitate/deploy Medical Assistance Teams with first aid and basic facilities in each train, particularly long distance trains; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.54 BY SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.11.2019 REGARDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN TRAINS

(a) 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, equipment, oxygen cylinder etc. at all Railway stations and in 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.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d): No, Sir. 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.
