GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4650 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide medical facilities in all long distance and short distance express passenger trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide separate medical coach for sick passengers in all trains;
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): The need and extent of providing medical facilities at railway stations and in trains was examined by Hon'ble Supreme Court. In compliance of the orders, a committee of experts was constituted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. As recommended by Committee of experts, 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.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): A Pilot Project of deployment of doctors with paramedic staff in Duronto 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.
