

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

DISABLED FRIENDLY STATIONS

1722. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

SHRI CHHOTE LAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has ambitious plans to make railway stations disabled friendly and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of railway stations already made disabled friendly;**
- (c) the details of railway stations selected for the above purpose in the country including Andhra Pradesh and Telengana; and**
- (d) the funds allocated for this purpose during the current financial year?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Provision/augmentation of amenities at stations, including those for differently abled passengers is a continuous process. In order to provide better accessibility to differently abled passengers, short term facilities as detailed below have been planned at all stations including stations in Andhra Pradesh and Telengana:

- Standard ramp for barrier free entry,**
- Earmarking at least two parking lots,**
- Non-slippery walk-way from parking lot to building,**
- Signages of appropriate visibility,**
- At least one toilet (on the ground floor),**

- **At least one drinking water tap suitable for use by differently-abled persons,**
- **‘May I help you’ Booth**

In addition, long term facilities as detailed below have been planned at ‘A1’, ‘A’ & ‘B’ category stations including stations in Andhra Pradesh and Telengana:

- **Provision of facility for inter-platform transfer**
- **Engraving on edges of platform**

Presently, all identified short term & long term facilities have been provided at about 790 stations over Indian Railways.

The expenditure on works pertaining to provision of amenities at stations for differently-abled passengers are generally funded under Plan Head – ‘Passenger Amenities’. Allocation of ₹1748.50 Crores have been made under this Plan Head for the current financial year.
