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रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

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रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001, तिथि  
Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, dated

13.12.1996

The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.

Sub : The persons with disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and full Participation) Act, 1995 - Provision of facilities to disabled at Rly. Stations as envisaged therein.

The above Act has been brought in to force with effect from 7th February, 1996. Extracts from the relevant portion of the Act are reproduced below :

Clause 44 (b)

"adapt toilets in rail compartments, vessels aircrafts and waiting rooms in such a way as to permit the wheel chair users to use them conveniently."

Clause 45 (d)

"engraving on the edges of Railway platforms for the blind or for persons with low vision."

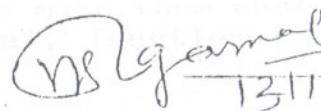
Clause 46

"The appropriate Government and the local authorities shall, within the limits of their economic capacity and development, provide for:-

- (a) ramps in public buildings;
- (b) adaptation of toilets for wheel chair users;
- (c) braille symbols and auditory signals in elevators of lifts;
- (d) ramps in hospitals, primary health centres and other medical care and rehabilitation institutions."

The Prime Minister has expressed his concern in the implementation of the Act. It is therefore, desired that provisions of the above Act may be implemented at railway stations wherever feasible at a very early date.

Please acknowledge receipt and ensure compliance.

  
13/12/96  
(V.K. Agarwal)

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