

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No.96/M(C)/ 165/22

New Delhi, dated 19.01.2011

**The Executive Director/Carr.,
RDSO, Lucknow**

**Sub: Layouts for Disabled friendly coaches.
Ref: Board's letter of even No. dated 19.11.09**

Board constituted a committee to deliberate upon and suggest suitable layouts for disabled friendly coaches. The Committee has since submitted its report and Board (MM, ML & MT) have accorded approval to the following recommendations:

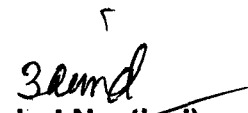
(i) Provision of an AC Disabled friendly compartment in LHB design EOG Power Cars for Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ AC Duronto rakes and induction of at least one such power car in each rake.

Accordingly, the layout and design of power cars of LHB-FIAT design needs to be suitably modified for provision of an AC disabled friendly compartment in line with the layout for AC disabled friendly compartment as existing in ICF design EOG power cars for Garib Rath trains.

(ii) Providing access from the Guard's compartment to the disabled friendly compartment in ICF design SLRD/SRD coaches.

The existing layouts for ICF design SLRD/SRD coaches equipped with screw coupling do not have an access from the Guard's compartment to the disabled friendly compartment. A "one-way" entry from guard compartment to disabled friendly compartment (not easily permitting entry to the Guard's compartment from the disabled friendly compartment) needs to be provided to enable the Guard access the disabled friendly passengers, in case of assistance required by them. The existing layouts accordingly need a revision by RDSO. The new layouts may be developed, principally in line with the layout for a CBC equipped crashworthy SLRD coach layout to RCF's layout Drawing No. LB-90017.

RDSO may immediately initiate action and submit the revised coach layouts as above for Board's approval.


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