

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

QUOTA FOR WOMEN IN RAILWAY CATERING UNITS

4. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a new policy for providing sub quota of 33 per cent to women in catering units and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of catering units in the Railways;**
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that women participation does not fall below a specific level in such units; and**
- (d) the plan of the Railways to popularize this policy so that more women are encouraged to apply for such positions?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a): Yes, Madam. In compliance of announcement in Rail Budget 2016-17, provision has been made in Catering Policy for 33% sub quota for women, in allotment of each of the reserved category, of minor catering units at all categories of stations.

(b): As on 31.03.2016, there were 347 mobile and 9853 static catering units available in the Railways.

(c) & (d): For the purpose of reservation, one Division of a Zonal Railway is considered as one unit for which a one time station-wise exercise will be done for the whole Division and reservation percentage will be progressively achieved as and when either new units are provided or old units get vacated.
