

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3067
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

NUMBER OF WOMEN COMPARTMENTS

† 3067. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of women compartments in various trains on important routes is very less;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the area-wise number of cases registered for eve-teasing and attack on women by RPF/GRPF during the last three years in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of women compartments to provide security to women in trains and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure safe and comfortable journey for women?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3067 BY SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2018 REGARDING NUMBER OF WOMEN COMPARTMENTS.

(a) and (b): Section 58 of the Railways Act, 1989 provides for earmarking of accommodation for female passengers in trains. Accordingly, in trains carrying passengers, Indian Railways have earmarked following accommodation for female passengers:

- i. A reservation quota of six berths in sleeper class(SL) in long distance Mail/Express trains has been earmarked for ladies irrespective of age travelling alone or in a group of female passengers.**
- ii. A combined quota of six lower berths per coach in Sleeper class and three lower berths per coach in Air Conditioned 3 tier (3AC) and Air Conditioned 2 tier (2AC) classes for senior citizens, female passengers 45 years of age and above, and pregnant women when travelling alone. In case of Rajdhani, Duronto and fully Air Conditioned Express trains, the number of berths to be earmarked under this quota in 3AC is 4 lower berths per coach as against 3 lower berths per coach in normal Mail/Express trains.**
- iii. A reservation quota of six berths in Air Conditioned 3 tier (3AC) in Garib Rath Express trains has been earmarked for exclusive use of female passengers irrespective of age travelling alone or in a group of female passengers.**
- iv. Second class accommodation for women in the second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach(SLR) in most of the long distance trains.**
- v. Unreserved coaches/compartments for female passengers in EMU (Electrical Multiple Unit)/DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit)/ MMTS (Multi**

Modal Transport System) trains & local passenger trains depending upon demand pattern as well as availability of accommodation.

- vi. Running of ladies special Electrical Multiple Units (EMU)/ Mainline Electrical Multiple Units (MEMU) / Multi Modal Transport System (MMTS) services on the suburban sections of Mumbai, Kolkata, Secunderabad and Chennai as well as on the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) sections.**

(c): The cases of crime in Railways are registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned as Policing on Railways is a State subject. The number of cases of eve-teasing and attack on women passengers in trains registered by GRP during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 over Indian Railways is appended. The figures appended are based on the data received from Government Railway Police.

(d) and (e): Earmarking of accommodation for different categories of passengers including women passengers is done based on demand pattern and availability of accommodation, which is a continuous and ongoing process.

Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP in providing better protection and security of passenger area and passengers and for matters connected therewith.

However, to provide security to passengers including women passengers, following steps are being taken by Indian Railways:

- 1. On vulnerable and identified routes/sections, 2500 trains (on an average) are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States daily.**
- 2. Surveillance is kept through CCTV cameras, provided at about 394 stations over Indian Railways, to ensure safety and security of passengers.**
- 3. Ladies Special trains running in Metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF personnel. The train escorting parties have been briefed to keep extra vigil on the ladies coaches en route and at halting stations in long distance trains.**
- 4. Through various social media platforms viz. Twitter, Facebook etc., Railways are in regular touch with passengers including women passengers to enhance security of passengers and to address their security concern.**
- 5. Security Help Line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.**
- 6. An Integrated Security System consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control etc. has been sanctioned to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 railway stations.**
- 7. Regular drives are conducted to prevent entry of male passengers in compartments reserved for ladies, and if found, they are prosecuted under the provisions of Railways Act.**
- 8. Liaison is made by RPF with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels for prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains.**

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3067 BY SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2018 REGARDING NUMBER OF WOMEN COMPARTMENTS.

(c): The number of cases of eve-teasing and attack on women passengers in trains over Indian Railways registered by Government Railway Police during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 is as under:-

Zonal Railway	No. of cases of eve-teasing and attack on women passengers in trains registered		
	2015	2016	2017
Central	31	17	22
Eastern	31	33	27
East Central	0	3	2
East Coast	5	3	6
Northern	2	4	7
North Central	14	13	21
North Eastern	0	1	0
Northeast Frontier	3	4	2
North Western	4	4	6
Southern	10	7	5
South Central	6	3	5
South Eastern	5	7	6
South East Central	0	0	0
South Western	0	0	0
Western	0	2	0
West Central	2	1	0
