

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3184  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

**WOMEN EMPLOYEES IN RAILWAYS**

**3184. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of women employees currently employed by the Railways;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware of Jaipur's Gandhinagar station becoming the first all women run railway station in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government plans to replicate this model in other railway stations; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to increase the employment of women in the railways?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3184 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2018 REGARDING WOMEN EMPLOYEES IN RAILWAYS.**

**(a): Total number of women employees in Indian Railways, as on 31.03.2017, is 91,284.**

**(b): Jaipur's Gandhinagar station is the 2<sup>nd</sup> all women Railway Station on Indian Railways after Matunga of Central Railway. Gandhinagar station is an 'A' Class Station on Jaipur – Delhi Main route of North Western Railway. Total 40 Women employees are posted on this station on various duties including Train operation (Station Superintendent/Station Master/Assistant Station Master), Commercial duties (Reservation and Booking), Railway Protection Force and all other supporting duties of operating and commercial department.**

**(c): While there is no policy as such on "all women run railway stations" issued by Ministry of Railways, Zonal railways are adequately empowered to take a decision in this regard on case to case basis as per need & feasibility.**

**(d): In order to encourage the employment of women in recruitment by Railways through Railway Recruitment Boards, they have been exempted from examination fees. As per present norms, women initially pay the fee which is returned to such of them who actually appear in the examination.**

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