

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN IN AC COACHES

**2373. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to reserve accommodation in AC coaches of trains for female passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that several Members of Parliament has given request to provide daily trains for the Shekhawati region (Jhunjhunu-Sikar-Churu); and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2373 BY SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLWAT AND SHRI NAGAR RODMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING RESERVED SEATS FOR WOMEN IN AC COACHES

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In addition to reserved accommodation already being earmarked for female passengers as mentioned below, instructions have been issued to zonal Railways that a reservation quota of six berths in 3AC class of all Rajdhani/Duronto/fully Air Conditioned trains (having 3AC class) should be earmarked in the third bay for female passengers, irrespective of their age, travelling alone or in a group of female passengers:-

- i. A reservation quota of 6 berths in 3AC class of Garib Rath Express trains has been earmarked for female passengers irrespective of age, travelling alone or in a group of female passengers.**
- ii. In all trains having reserved sleeping accommodation, a combined quota of six lower berths per coach in Sleeper class and 3 lower berths per coach each in AC 3 tier and AC-2 tier classes has been earmarked for Senior Citizens, Female passengers of 45 years of age and above and pregnant women. In case of 3AC class of Rajdhani, Duronto and fully Air Conditioned/Express trains, the number of berths to be earmarked under this quota is 4 lower berths per coach as against 3 lower berths per coach in normal Mail/Express trains.**

- iii. **A reservation quota of 6 Sleeper class berths in Mail/Express trains has been earmarked in third bay of the coach for female passengers irrespective of age, travelling alone or in a group of female passengers.**

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Demands, including that from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received for introduction of new trains from Sikar and Churu. To serve the passengers of Sikar-Churu area, Indian Railways, during the last 02 years, have provided the following services:-

A. Trains introduced during last 02 years

- 1. 14021/22 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Sikar Express (Tri-weekly) w.e.f. 20.06.2017**
- 2. 59735/36 Sikar-Fatehpur Shekhawati Passenger (Daily) w.e.f. 20.06.2017.**
- 3. 74857/58 Sikar-Churu Passenger (Daily) via Fatehpur Shekhawati w.e.f. 09.12.2017.**
- 4. 74859/60 Sikar-Churu Passenger (Daily) via Fatehpur Shekhawati w.e.f. 08.06.2018.**
- 5. 74861/62 Sikar-Churu Passenger (Daily) via Fatehpur Shekhawati w.e.f. 08.06.2018.**
- 6. 14719/20 Bikaner-Bilaspur Antyodaya Express (Weekly) via Churu w.e.f. 13.06.2018.**

B. Extension of existing trains services during last 02 years

- 1. 14715/16 Haridwar-Hisar Express (Bi-weekly) upto Bikaner via Churu w.e.f. 24.05.2018.**
- 2. 54604 Ludhiana-Hisar Passenger (Daily) upto Churu w.e.f. 01.07.2018.**
- 3. 50605 Ludhiana-Sadulpur Passenger (Daily) upto Churu w.e.f. 01.07.2018.**

4. 17037/38 Secunderabad-Bikaner Express (Bi-weekly) upto Hisar via Churu w.e.f. 22.07.2018.

5. 22475/76 Coimbatore-Bikaner Express (Weekly) upto Hisar via Churu w.e.f. 09.08.2018.

C. Increase in frequency of existing trains services during last 02 years

1. Frequency of 22481/82 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Jodhpur Express via Churu has been increased from bi-weekly to daily.

Besides, introduction of trains is an ongoing process in Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.
