

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

SAFETY OF WOMEN

5178. SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken adequate steps for ensuring safety and security of women passengers;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the impact of the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (c) the other measures which are being contemplated by the Government for the safety of women in trains?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5178 BY SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING SAFETY OF WOMEN

(a) to (c): Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & 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 to provide better protection and security of passenger area & passengers. Cases of Indian Penal Code (IPC) crime in Railways are registered and investigated by the concerned Government Railway Police. However, following measures are being taken by the Railways (some in coordination with Government Railway Police) to ensure security of passengers including women passengers:-

- 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. Security Help Line number 182 is made operational over Indian Railways for security related assistance to passengers in distress.**
- 3. Through various social media platforms viz. twitter, facebook etc., Railways are in regular touch with passengers including women to enhance security of passengers and to address their security concern.**
- 4. Drives are conducted against entry of male passengers into compartments reserved for women passengers and persons apprehended are prosecuted under section 162 of the Railways Act, 1989. During the years 2018 & 2019 (upto June), a total of 139422 & 44060 male passengers respectively have been prosecuted for unauthorized entry/travel in compartments reserved for women passengers.**

- 5. Ladies Special trains running in Metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF personnel. In other trains, where escorts are provided, the train escorting parties have been briefed to keep extra vigil on the lady passengers travelling alone, ladies coaches en-route and at halting stations.**
- 6. Frequent announcements are made through Public Address System to educate passengers to take precautions against theft, snatching, drugging etc.**
- 7. Regular coordination is made with the State Police/GRP authorities at all levels for prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains.**
- 8. An Integrated Security System (ISS) 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.**
- 9. In order to increase representation of women in RPF to the level of 10%, 4517 out of 9739 vacancies notified in the year 2018 were notified for women.**
- 10. Steps have been taken to install CCTV cameras in all coaches of Suburban trains, Premium trains, Mail Express and Passenger trains and at 6441 stations of Indian Railways for ensuring safety and security of passengers. CCTV cameras have been provided at 473 stations and in 1300 coaches. Works have been sanctioned for provision of CCTV cameras at 6174 stations and in 58276 coaches.**
- 11. Emergency Talk Back system has been provided in all coaches of Air conditioned EMU rakes and Air conditioned rakes of Kolkata Metro. This system is being provided in all newly manufactured air-conditioned EMU rakes, underslung MEMU rakes and ladies compartment of non AC EMU rakes. Western Railway has already provided Emergency Talk Back system in 8 ladies coaches of existing three phase EMU rakes. Further, decision has been taken to provide Emergency Talk Back System in ladies compartment of existing three phase EMU rake.**