

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3573
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN PERSONNEL IN RPF

3573. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in the number of women personnel recruited in Railway Protection Force (RPF) from the past figure of nine percent, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether Child Help Desk/Kiosk (CHD) have been set up across all railway stations, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether special training is being imparted to RPF personnel so as to sensitise them regarding the issue of child help, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(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. 3573 BY MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN PERSONNEL IN RPF

(a) & (b) Prior to recruitment in Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force (RPF/RPSF) held in the year 2018-2019, the percentage of women personnel was approx 3% of the total sanctioned strength. In the recruitment which started in the year 2018, out of 8619 and 1121 vacancies notified for Constables and Sub-Inspectors respectively, 4216 (49 % approx) and 301 (27 % approx) vacancies were respectively reserved/notified for women to increase the share of women in ranks of RPF. The recruitment was completed and the percentage of women in RPF increased significantly, from about 3% to 9 % of the total sanctioned strength. No Recruitment has been conducted in RPF/RPSF after the last recruitment which was conducted in 2018-2019.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Railways (in coordination with Ministry of Women and Child Development) has issued Revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Railways 2021 which includes a detailed protocol for rescue of children in need of care and protection found on railway stations and trains. Presently, Ministry of Railways in coordination with Ministry of Women and Child Development, have set up Child Help Desks/Kiosks at 143 important Railway Stations in India which are manned by the representatives of Non Government Organizations (NGOs) nominated by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Various special training sessions for sensitizing RPF personnel on issues of Child help are imparted, which includes following topics-

(i) Course on Child safety and Rescue.

- (ii) Course on Child Rights.**
- (iii) Course on Child Care and Protection.**
- (iv) Course on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015 further amended in 2021.**
- (v) Gender Sensitization courses.**
- (vi) Course on Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012.**
- (vii) Course on Sensitization towards Women and Children.**
- (viii) Course on Role of NGO's, Child Help Desk at the station, SOPs/Guide Book issued by the Ministry of Railways/NCPCR.**
