

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 608
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020**

SMALLER COACHES FOR PASSENGERS

608. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister is aware that the ladies' first-class coaches have smaller compartments with less seats than the normal first-class general bogie and that too with highly insufficient safety;**
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to address the issues and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has plans to increase the size and the number of ladies coaches and to fortify the security system with better safety measures;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): Based on the demand, compartment size and number of seats in ladies first class coaches in EMU rakes is decided .

For safety and security of ladies passengers, Emergency Talk Back system and Closed Circuit Television Surveillance Cameras have been provided in ladies compartments/ coaches of all newly manufactured

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Electrical Multiple Units (EMU) and Air conditioned rakes of Kolkata Metro. Emergency talk back is also being provided on existing EMU rakes in Ladies compartment. Flasher lights have also been provided in ladies compartment in EMU rakes in South Eastern Railway. When the alarm chain of the coach is pulled, these lights will start blinking and buzzer will start sounding till resetting of alarm chain.

Similarly, coaches, compartment size and number of seats depends on demand and is limited by total composition of trains.

(e): Does not arise.
