

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1806
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF FEMALE PASSENGERS

1806. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways has conducted any survey regarding sexual harassment of female passengers and other anti-social activities in the un-reserved compartments across the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years specially major cases;**
- (c) the number of persons/culprits the railways has identified in major cases over the last three years and how many of them have been punished; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to protect the passengers of un-reserved compartments specially female passengers?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(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. 1806 BY SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2015 REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF FEMALE PASSENGERS.

(a) to (c): The cases of crime against women passengers including sexual harassment against women passengers are reported to, registered and investigated by Government Railway Police (GRP) of the concerned State Government. The offenders are arrested and prosecuted by the GRP. The details of crime against women passengers reported in unreserved compartments of trains and number of persons arrested and convicted during the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 over Indian Railways are as under:

Year	No. of incidents of rape	No. of incidents of eve-teasing	No. of incidents of molestation	Total No. of persons arrested	Total No. of persons convicted
2012	4	20	27	66	24
2013	8	22	95	169	9
2014	2	19	112	161	3

(d): Policing on Railways is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation in Railway premises as well as on running trains is, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP). Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of Government Railway Police by deploying its staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and access control duties at important and sensitive stations.

Besides, the following steps are being taken by the Railways to provide maximum security to passengers-

- 1. An Integrated Security System consisting of surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, Access Control and Anti-Sabotage Checks has been finalized to improve surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive railway stations.**

- 2. On vulnerable and identified routes/ sections, 2000 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.**
- 3. RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police.**
- 4. RPF Crime prevention and detection squads and special teams are formed to keep vigil on the criminals in trains/ stations to prevent crime.**
- 5. Joint drives by RPF/GRP and Commercial Department are conducted from time to time against the unauthorized entry of passengers in trains and railway premises.**
- 6. Mass media programmes are being launched by zonal railways to create awareness regarding crime against women passengers through electronic and print media.**
- 7. Passenger outreach programmes have been launched including announcement through loudhailers / PA system as well as pasting of stickers providing the Security Help Line Number 182 of RPF Security Control Room for security related assistance.**
- 8. All the ladies special trains running Metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF constable.**
- 9. The ladies compartments of local trains in Metropolitan cities are being escorted by RPF and GRP during peak/non peak hours. Staff deployment is made during late night and early morning local trains to ensure better security to the lady passengers.**
