

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL RESERVATION COUNTERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of special reservation counters existing in the country;
- (b) whether the number of such counters are sufficient to cater the needs of commuters; and
- (c) if not, the steps being taken by the Railways to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (c): There are no special reservation counters as such. However, subject to sufficient demand and availability of reservation counters, exclusive reservation counters are earmarked at various computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) centers for ladies, senior citizens, former Members of Parliament, Member of Legislative Assembly/ Council, Physically Handicapped Persons, accredited journalists, freedom fighters etc. This position is reviewed from time to time depending upon the demand pattern and availability of reservation counters. It is a continuous process. No centralised statistics of such counters is maintained.