

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY FOR LADIES IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway have taken immediate steps to provide security for the ladies who are travelling in the suburban trains during late night;
- (b) if so, whether there has been number of case of security lapses during the period;and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Madam. Following measures are being taken to provide security for the ladies travelling in suburban trains during late night.

1. Suburban trains are being escorted by RPF/GRP during late night keeping extra vigil on ladies compartments.
2. Regular drives are conducted by Government Railway Police, Railway Protection Force and Railway Commercial staff against male passengers travelling in ladies compartments and the offenders are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railways Act,

(b): It is not a fact that there has been number of cases of security lapses during the period.

(c): 'Policing on Railways' is a State subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases and their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments concerned which they discharge through the Government Railway Police (GRP) and Civil Police. Railways bear 50% cost of expenditure on the Government Railway Police.

However, Railway is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by deploying Railway Protection Force to escort important trains in addition to trains escorted by Government Railway Police.

Following steps are being taken for security of lady commuters in suburban trains:-

- (1) Regular coordination meetings are held with GRP and Civil Police at all levels to review security of passengers.
- (2) 10% reservation for women has been made in the recruitment of all ranks of Railway Protection Force to ensure better service to lady passengers.
- (3) Special trains exclusively for lady commuters have been introduced in Metro Cities.
- (4) 12 Companies of women RPF personnel are proposed for improving security of women passengers.
- (5) One Mahila Battalion is proposed to provide better security to women passengers.