

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WOMEN BATTALION IN RPF
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to increase the strength of the women battalion in Railway Protection Force(RPF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated therefor and time-frame set for its implementation ?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) One Mahila Battalion at Asansol has already been created and efforts are being made for filling up the vacancies of the said battalion through recruitment at the earliest.

In addition to the above, 12 companies of "Mahila Vahini" were proposed to be created. 4 companies have been created so far and a proposal for creation of the remaining 8 companies of "Mahila Vahini" is under process with the Ministry of Finance.

(c) A sum of Rs. 14.72 crore has been earmarked. Land for the same has been made available at Asansol and infrastructural development in coordination with Eastern Railway is in process.