

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4337  
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RESERVATION OF COACH IN METRO RAIL  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rationale behind reservation of first coach of every train for ladies in the Delhi Metro;
- (b) whether any change of ridership figures has been noticed since then among males and females and any proposal to revise the reservation criterion accordingly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the DMRC intends to withdraw the '4 seats per coach' reservation for ladies in coaches other than the first coach?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has informed that the rationale behind reservation of first coach of every train for ladies in Delhi Metro was due to the fact that approximately One-fourth of the metro ridership consists of female commuters.
- (b)&(c): No survey has been undertaken to ascertain the ridership figures among males and females in Delhi Metro. There is no proposal to revise the decision of reserving one coach for female passengers.
- (d): DMRC has informed that they do not intend to withdraw '4 seats per coach' reservation to ladies in coaches other than the coach reserved for ladies, because besides reserved coach, lady passengers do travel in other coaches also for various reasons, such as accompanied by spouse, adult, children etc.