

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3733

ANSWERED ON:13.02.2014

CCTV CAMERA IN LADIES COMPARTMENT

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether incidents of harassment/ molestation/rape of women passengers including girl students are on increase in trains and if so, the year and zone-wise details during the last three years and the current year and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether the Railways propose to install CCTV in ladies compartments in all trains to stop sexual assault against women passenger and if so, the details thereof;and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways to ensure safety of passengers especially women in trains?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3733 BY SHRI MANICKA TAGORE, SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.02.2014 REGARDING CCTV CAMERA IN LADIES COMPARTMENTS.

(a) Yes, Madam. The number of cases of molestation and eve-teasing against women passengers including girl students in trains has increased, while the number of incidents of rape has decreased. The details for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 over Indian Railways are appended.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to install CCTVs in ladies compartments.

(c) Policing on Railways is a State Subject and prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains including creation of secure environment for women are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the States concerned. However, Railway Protection Force with available resources, 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 Railway stations.

The following measures are being taken by the Railways to ensure security of women passengers:-

1. 1275 trains are escorted by RPF daily on an average, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by Government Railway Police of different States.

2. Ladies special trains are being escorted by lady RPF staff, wherever available in sub-urban sections over Central, Eastern, Northern, Western and Southern Railways.

3. Sensitization through awareness campaigns amongst the front line Railway Staff like ticket checking staff, RPF and on-board employees who have constant interface with the travelling public towards crime against women is being done.

4. Security Help-Line numbers have been set up in the Zonal Control Rooms over some zonal railways to facilitate the passengers especially the lady passengers to inform about any untoward incidents. The numbers of such security help-lines have been displayed at conspicuous places of important Railway stations and in the coaches of trains.

5. Regular drives are being conducted to prevent entry of male passengers in ladies compartments and if found, they are prosecuted under the provisions of the Railways Act.

6. The train escorting parties have been briefed to keep extra vigil on the ladies coaches en-route and at halting stations.

7. Regular coordination meetings are held with State Police at all level to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police.