

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose to increase the number of ladies special coaches in trains especially in long distance express trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and
- (c) whether the Railways have received any recommendations from certain quarters regarding the same and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Section 58 of The Railways Act, 1989 provides for earmarking of accommodation for female passengers in trains. Accordingly, in trains carrying passengers, Indian Railways have earmarked following accommodation for female passengers:

- (i) A reservation quota of six berths in sleeper class in long distance Mail/Express trains.
- (ii) A combined quota of two lower berths per coach in Sleeper, Air Conditioned 3 tier (3AC) and Air Conditioned 2 tier (2AC) classes for Senior citizens, Female passengers 45 years of age and above, and pregnant women, when travelling alone.
- (iii) Second class accommodation for women in the Second Class-cum-Luggage-cum Guard's Coach (SLR) in most of the long distance trains.
- (iv) Unreserved coaches/compartments for female passengers in EMU (Electrical Multiple Unit)/DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit) trains & local passenger trains depending upon demand pattern as well as availability of accommodation.
- (v) Running of ladies special EMU/ MEMU services on the suburban sections of Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai as well as on the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) sections.

Demands for increasing number of ladies special coaches are received at various levels of Railway administration viz. station level, Divisional level, Zonal Railway level and Board's level, a compendium of which is not maintained.