

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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LOWER BERTH FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE

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

- (a) whether the Railways propose to enhance the quota of lower berths for senior citizens and pregnant women in the trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and time by which this facility is likely to be operational in the trains;
- (c) whether this facility is applicable in all the classes in all the trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Earlier, instructions were there that in all trains having sleeping accommodation, a combined quota of two lower berths per coach in Sleeper, AC-3 Tier and AC-2 Tier classes should be earmarked for senior citizens, female passengers 45 years of age and above; and pregnant women when travelling alone.

Instructions have been issued to enhance the quota of two lower berths per coach in Sleeper class earmarked for these categories to four lower berths per coach. There is, however, no change in this quota earmarked in 3A and 2A classes. These instructions have been made effective from 01.04.2015 onwards as per Advance Reservation Period(ARP).