

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3518  
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MASS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) stations in Chennai are not properly maintained and the people are facing shortage of basic amenities including security services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to install CCTV cameras at all MRTS stations in Chennai for security purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there are some specific norms formulated to set up Advanced Reservation Centres and if so, the details of railway stations in Chennai which do not have Advanced Reservation Centres;
- (e) the number of Railway security forces employed in each and every station of MRTS in South Chennai; and
- (f) the details of the current charges for acquiring land for MRTS projects in the country ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): All the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) stations in Chennai are properly maintained to serve their functional use and are provided with essential amenities. All MRTS stations in Chennai as well as all night running Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) trains are manned by Railway Protection Force (RPF) to provide security. Two ladies special trains running in the morning and evening peak hours, are escorted by RPF Women staff with the name "RPF Sakthi Padai".
- (c): Presently, there is no proposal to install CCTV Cameras at MRTS stations for security measure.
- (d): Yes, Madam. Norms exist for provision of Passenger Reservation Centers. Passenger reservation centers are not available at Chennai Fort, Park Town, Chintadripet, Chepak, Thiruvallikeni, Light House, Mundokakokanni Amman Koil, Mandaiveli, Greenways Road, Kotturpuram, Kasthurba Nagar, Indira Nagar, Tharamani, Perungudi and Velacherry stations in Chennai Beach - Velacherry Section of the MRTS.
- (e): The total strength of RPF in the MRTS section is 105 with one RPF Post at Thirumaylai and One outpost at Velacherry. All MRTS stations are manned by at least one RPF staff each in two shifts.
- (f): There are no fixed charges for acquiring land for MRTS Projects in the country. The charges vary from city to city and state to state and also depend upon type of land, area of land, location, Private or Government land etc.