

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1398
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

SHORTFALL OF WOMEN IN RPF

**1398. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is sufficient number of women police personnel in the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether these women police personnel are deployed in the running trains as Rakshak Dal to ensure adequate safety and if so, the details in this regard;**
- (c) whether there is shortage of women police personnel to provide proper safety and security to the women commuters; and**
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to recruit sufficient number of women police personnel to ensure proper safety and security for women commuters?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1398 BY SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN AND SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI) TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING SHORTALL OF WOMEN IN RPF

(a): Yes, Sir. Presently more than 2300 women Railway Protection Force personnel are deployed over Indian Railways. In addition to the existing strength of women RPF personnel, 4078 women constables and 298 Sub-Inspectors have been recruited/empanelled who have started their training.

(b) to (d): Policing on Railways being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law & order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Governments, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP to provide better protection and security of passenger area and passengers. In addition to the train escort by GRP, lady RPF personnel are also deployed for escorting of trains as Rakshak Dal as per availability to ensure adequate security to female passengers. On an average, 344 women RPF police personnel are deployed as 'Rakshak Dal' in 150 running trains for escorting duty on daily basis.
