

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SAFETY OF WOMEN PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken/to be taken for the safety of women passengers with reference to the report of National Commission on Women on public hearing of women rail passengers;
- (b) the percentage of trains having separate coach for women passengers;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to appoint Women Traveling Ticket Examiners in trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith name of trains selected for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) Special care has been taken by the Railways to provide security to women passengers. Special squads in the form of Surakhsni, Tejaswani, Durgavahni and Bhairavi consisting of lady Railway Protection Force constables and lady Ticket Examiners have been deployed in the affected areas of Mumbai Delhi, Hyderabad and Patna sub-urban sections. Further, armed Government Railway Police personnel are also escorting ladies compartment in night hours over Mumbai sub-urban sections. Additional Railway Protection Force staff have been posted in affected sections to enhance security of women passengers
- (b) In all the passenger carrying trains, one compartment or such number of berths/seats, as required, are earmarked for the exclusive use of ladies.
- (c) For appointment as Ticket Collector on Railways, both men and women can apply. No earmarking is done on the basis of gender
- (d) Does not arise.