

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:416
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CONSTITUTION OF SPECIAL FORCE VEERANGNA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railway Protection Force has recently constituted a special force/ team named 'Veerangna' to ensure safe journey of women;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) The names of trains in which such force/team are being deployed initially;
- (d) Whether the Railways propose to deploy such force/team in all trains; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) It is a fact that a group of Lady Constables named 'VEERANGNA' is working to ensure safe journey for women in trains in suburban areas under the supervision of Divisional Security Commissioner/Delhi-II.
- (b) A task force namely 'VEERANGNA' consisting of a group of young Railway Protection Force Lady Constables along with IPF/1, SI/2, HC/4 is functioning in Delhi division. The task force is conducting drives against unauthorized male passengers traveling in Lady Coaches of the suburban trains. During the period from 6th. June, 2006 to 12th. July, 2006, this special group achieved outstanding results and succeeded in detecting as many as 654 cases in which male passengers were found traveling un-authorisedly in ladies coaches and action was initiated against the arrested persons under the provisions of section 162 of the Railways Act, 1989
- (c) All suburban trains in Delhi area are being checked regularly by the 'VEERANGNA' team.
- (d) No, Sir. It is not feasible due to constraints of manpower.
- (e) Does not arise.