

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3326  
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006  
PROTECTION OF FEMALE PASSENGERS IN TRAINS  
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

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

- (a) whether in spite of directions issued by the National Human Rights Commission few years back to Ministry of Railways to ensure protection of female passengers in trains; the cases of sexual harassment has been increasing day by day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to constitute a Special Committee for the safety and protection of female passengers in trains from sexual harassment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other security arrangements made by the Railways in all overnight express trains to protect traveling women ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): There has not been any significant change in crime patterns against women passengers especially keeping in view a large number of women passengers traveling by trains every day. The details are as under:-

Year Rape Crime against women passengers  
other than rape

2006 7 40  
(upto September)  
2005 8 35  
(upto September)

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Railway Administration is taking following measures for safety of women passengers:-

1. Escorting of Mail / Express trains especially during night in vulnerable sections by Government Railway Police / Railway Protection Force.
2. High profile presence of Government Railway Police / Railway Protection Force at important stations, especially in front of ladies coaches of the trains during night hours.
3. Special awareness campaigns against incidents of crime against women passengers by Railway Protection Force staff among traveling public.
4. 'Women help line control rooms' have been opened in some Zonal Railways by Railway Protection Force as well as Government Railway Police.
5. Regular co-ordination meeting at all level with Government Railway Police and State Police.
6. Close-circuit Televisions are installed at important stations to monitor the movement of anti-social elements in trains and Railway premises.