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Title: Need to reserve seats for women passengers in domestic and international flights.

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR (MUMBAI NORTH WEST): Deputy Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on reservation of seats for woman passengers in domestic and international flights.

Quite often what happens is that when a woman passenger gets a middle seat, she is squeezed between two male passengers. She feels quite uncomfortable and irksome during the long air journey. Of late, the number of woman passengers travelling by air from the corporate sector and other public sector undertakings has ballooned substantially.

Therefore, I urge upon the Civil Aviation Minister to direct the DGCA to consider reservation of two rows of seats, that is, 12 seats in domestic flights for woman passengers only. This would make their journey comfortable and pleasant. Sir, I am only echoing the sentiments expressed to me personally by the woman passengers. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Nishikant Dubey and Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Gajanan Kirtikar.