

which is being discharged by them through the Government Railway Police (GRP). Besides sharing 50% of the cost on GRPs with respective States, Railways supplement efforts of States through the Railway Protection Force (RPF) to ensure security at railway stations. Measures initiated to ensure security at major stations by RPF including security of women and girls include escorting of ladies' compartments of suburban trains during peak hours, public awareness programmes with regard to security of women passengers, special squads including lady RPF Sub-Inspectors and Constables at Divisional Level for providing assistance to women passengers. To improve representation of women in the force, 10% of all posts advertised in the rank of Constable and SI are earmarked to be filled by women. 12 Manila Vahinis have been sanctioned to strengthen women security in metropolitan cities, especially in suburban sections. Creation of 4192 more posts, to be filled from women candidates, has been announced in Budget 2014-15 and proposal has been forwarded to Ministry of Finance for approval.

Dynamic fare system

2296. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether dynamic fare in certain trains have been introduced by Railways;
- (b) if so, the details of trains and slabs of dynamic fare structure introduced; and
- (c) the response of the public to this dynamic fare structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The concept of premium train services on dynamic fare over and above the regular train services has been introduced *w.e.f* 24.12.2013. The fare of Premium special trains on dynamic pricing increases depending upon the demand and availability of accommodation. The base fare of these trains is the normal adult fare applicable for the trains plus the tatkal charges and the fare can increase based on demand intensity subject to a prescribed maximum limit. The dynamic fare of the premium trains increases proportionate to the increase in Actual Demand Intensity as compared to the Normal Demand Intensity.

Upto 27.11.2014, 197 premium trains have been introduced. The total additional earnings on account of dynamic fare upto 27.11.14 after introduction of Premium trains have been ₹ 49.71 crores. Apart from this additional earnings, the response received from passengers has been encouraging going by the occupancy levels of these trains.