

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2047
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL FOR PASSENGERS

2047. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the social distancing protocol for railway passengers; and
- (b) how Railways are ensuring that passengers are sanitized and have access to masks while travelling?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2047 BY SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 12.03.2021 REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL FOR PASSENGERS

(a): A standard Operating Protocol (SOP) has been issued for movement of passengers. To ensure social distance the following provisions have been made:-

- (i). In reserved trains, passengers booked on fully waiting list tickets are not allowed to travel.
 - (ii). Long distance trains are being mostly run with fully reserved accommodation.
 - (iii). Passengers are advised to reach station well in advance.
 - (iv). Provision of thermal screening is made at major stations and only passengers who are found to be asymptomatic are permitted to travel.
 - (v). To maintain proper social distance, 'circle' marks have been embossed at platforms of all major stations.
 - (vi). To the extent feasible, provision of separate entry and exit gates at Railway stations is made.
 - (vii). All passengers are advised to observe social distancing both at the stations and on trains by frequent announcements, print media etc.
- (b): All passengers are advised to wear face cover/mask at stations and during travel and sanitizers are provided at the entry points of major stations. Checks are organised by Ticket checking staff and security personnel to monitor wearing of masks by passengers at platform and during journeys. To the extent feasible, face masks are made available for sale through multipurpose stalls and mask dispensing machines.
