

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1389
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

RAIL ENGINES HAVING TOILET FACILITIES

1389#. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women loco pilots currently working in Indian Railways;
- (b) the number of rail engines that have toilets and the number of trains that do not have toilets; and
- (c) whether women loco pilots are being deployed on rail engines without toilets?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1389 BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.12.2024 REGARDING RAIL ENGINES HAVING TOILET FACILITIES

(a) to (c): As on 01.11.2024, 2,153 women loco pilots are working in Indian Railways. Loco pilots are important members of Indian Railway family who play pivotal role for moving passenger and goods traffic in safe and efficient manner. Indian Railways is committed to ensure proper working conditions for loco pilots.

For improvement of working conditions of loco running staff, several measures have been taken such as:

- All 558 running rooms have been air-conditioned.
- Running staff are provided with Yoga and meditation room, reading room with newspaper and magazines for relaxing in accordance with their requirements.
- Provision for subsidized meals in running rooms.
- Availability of RO water filters in running rooms.
- Various safety drives & special counselling programs are regularly organized for checking the alertness and safety awareness among the running staff. Special safety seminars & meetings are also organized for interaction with family members of running staff for educating on role of quality rest in life of running staff.
- There are dedicated and separate rooms for women loco pilots in the Running Rooms where they can take rest at the outstation.

Further initiatives have been taken to provide waterless urinal facilities in locomotives since 2018.

Till date, 883 locomotives have been fitted with waterless urinal facilities. Before 2014, no loco was fitted with urinal facility.
