

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th February 2025)

RESERVING SEATS FOR WOMEN ON AIRPLANES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government plans to mandate reserved seating for women on airplanes, similar to trains and buses, to enhance safety and comfort for solo women travelers;

(b) whether Government has evaluated the May, 2024 initiative of IndiGo offering gender-specific seating and, if so, whether there are plans to extend similar measures across all airlines operating in the country; and

(c) whether stakeholder consultations have been conducted to address the safety/discomfort of women in air travel, including standardizing gender-specific seating policies and enhancing a gender-responsive aviation framework?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (c): As of now, plan to mandate reserve seats for women on airplanes is not under consideration in Ministry.

The aviation sector operates under a commercial framework where airlines determine their seating policies based on operational feasibility and passenger demand. There are strict rules against any unruly behavior inside aircraft, including placing on 'no-fly' list.
